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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
|--|---|---|--|--|
| EAMES EDWARD JULIAN | F5 NETWORKS INC [ffiv] | Di 100/ 0 | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) | Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) | | |
| F5 NETWORKS INC, 401 ELLIOTT AVE. | 8/25/2003 | Sr VP, Business Operations | | |
| (Street) | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | |
| SEATTLE, WA 98119 (City) (State) (Zip) | | X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Trans. Date | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 3. Trans. Co (Instr. 8) | 1 | | ed of (D) | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Beneficial |
|------------------------------------|----------------|---|----------------------------|---|--------|-----------|-----------|---|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | | Direct (D) or Indirect | Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | <u> </u> | | | (A) or | | | (I) (Instr. | (|
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (D) | Price | | 4) | |
| common stock | 8/25/2003 | | М | | 1736 | Α | \$7 | 2625 | D | |
| common stock | 8/25/2003 | | s <u>(1)</u> | | 1736 | D | \$18.8922 | 889 | D | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Trans. Date | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Trans. ((Instr. 8) | | Derivat Securiti (A) or I (D) | | 1 | | Securities Underlying Derivative Security | | Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | Securities Beneficially Owned | Ownership Form of Derivative | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|---|-------------------|---|---------------------------|---|--|------|---------------------|--------------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--|
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$7 | 8/25/2003 | | М | | | 1736 | 5/27/2001 | 4/27/2011 | Common Stock | 1736 | \$7 | 5904 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Sale pursuant to the terms of a 10b5-1 trading plan.

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| EAMES EDWARD JULIAN | | | | | | | |
| F5 NETWORKS INC | | | Sr VP, Business Operations | | | | |
| 401 ELLIOTT AVE. | | | Si vi, Busiless Operations | | | | |
| SEATTLE, WA 98119 | | | | | | | |

Signatures

/s/

| Edward J. Eames | 8/27/2003 |
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| Euwaru J. Eames | 0/2//2003 |

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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