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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *				2	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol						bol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
EAMES ED	WARD J	ULIAN		]	F5 N	ETW	ORKS I	NC	[ffiv	<i>y</i> ]						
(Last) (First) (Middle)				3	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)							Director 10% Owner				
F5 NETWORKS INC, 401 ELLIOTT AVE.				ГТ	8/18/2003							Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  Sr VP, Business Operations				
	(Stre	eet)		4	1. If A	mendm	ent, Date (	Origi	inal Fi	led (MM/I	OD/YYYY)	6. Individual o	or Joint/G	roup Filing (	Check Appl	icable 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-E	eriva	itive Se	curities Ac	cqui	red, D	isposed	of, or Be	neficially Owne	ed			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trans. Da				Trans. Date	te 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any		3. Trans. Coo (Instr. 8)	de 4. Securities Acq Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		ed of (D)	` '				6. 7. Nature Ownership Form: Beneficial Direct (D) Ownership	
							Code	V	Amoun	(A) or (D)	Price					(Instr. 4)
common stock 8/18/2003				8/18/2003			M		1736	A	<b>\$7</b>	2625		D		
common stock 8/18/2003				8/18/2003			s (1)		1736	A	\$18.1627		889		D	
	Tabl	le II - Deri	vative S	Securitie	s Ber	eficiall	y Owned (	( <b>e.g.</b>	, puts	s, calls, v	varrants,	options, conve	rtible sec	urities)		
1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deen Execution Date, if a	n (Instr.		Derivat Securit (A) or I (D)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date			Underlying Derivative Security Security		derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following	Ownership Form of Derivative	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Cod	le V	7 (A)	(D)	Date Exer	e rcisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$7	8/18/2003		М			1736	5/27	7/2001	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 Owners								
Panorting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
EAMES EDWARD JULIAN								
F5 NETWORKS INC		Sr VP, Business Operatio						
401 ELLIOTT AVE.								
SEATTLE, WA 98119								

## **Signatures**

/s/ Edward J. Eames 8/20/2003

\*\*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).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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