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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol						bol		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
HIGGINSO	N ALAN			F	5 NI	ETW	ORKS I	NC	[FF	IV]			,			
(Last) (First) (Middle)			3.	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)							X _ Director10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)					
C/O F5 NET			401				11/	/9/2	004			Officer (giv	e title below	/)O	ther (specify	below)
ELLIOTT A	VENUE	WEST														
	(Stre	et)		4.	If Ar	nendm	ent, Date (Origi	inal Fi	led (MM/	DD/YYYY)	6. Individual o	or Joint/G	roup Filing	(Check Appl	icable Line)
SEATTLE,	WA 9811 ity) (Sta		o)									X Form filed by		rting Person One Reporting F	'erson	
		, , ,		Non-De	rivat	ive Se	curities Ac	quii	red, D	isposed	of, or Be	neficially Owne	ed			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)				2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any		3. Trans. Coo (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			6. 7. Nature Ownership Form: Beneficial		
							Code	V	Amoun	(A) or (D)	Price					Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock 11/9/2004				0/2004	M 25000 A \$0.5 25000			D								
Common Stock 11/9/2004				0/2004			S		25000	D	\$41.6836	0			D	
	Tabl	le II - Deri	vative Se	curities	Bene	ficiall	y Owned (e.g.	, puts	s, calls, v	varrants	, options, conve	rtible sec	urities)		
1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	Date E	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans Code (Instr. 8		Derivat Acquire Dispose	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date			Underlying Security		derivative Securities Beneficially Owned	Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
	Security			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exer	e rcisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$0.5	11/9/2004		M			25000	5/13	3/1997	5/13/2006	Common Stock	n 25000	\$0.5	34000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

Reporting Owners

D 4 0 N /A11	Relationships					
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
HIGGINSON ALAN C/O F5 NETWORKS, INC. 401 ELLIOTT AVENUE WEST SEATTLE, WA 98119	X					

Signatures

/s/ Alan Higginson	11/10/2004
** 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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