FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | | | 2. I | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | | |
| Pelzer Francis J. | | | | F5 | F5, INC. [FFIV] | | | | | | | | nicaoic | | / O | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | | | | 3. I | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) | | | | | | | Director10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) | | | | | |
| | | | | | 0/1/2022 | | | | | | | EVP, Chief Financial Officer | | | | | |
| C/O F5, INC., 801 5TH AVENUE | | | | 4.7 | 8/1/2023 | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | | | |
| | (Stree | et) | | 4. 1 | t An | nendme | nt, Date O | rıgın | al Fil | ed (MM/E | DD/Y | YYYY) | 6. Individual o | or Joint | Group Filing | (Check Appl | icable Line) |
| SEATTLE, V | VA 98104 | | | | | | | | | | X _ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | |
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| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | | ıns. Date | | Deemed ution | 3. Trans. Co (Instr. 8) | ode | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | | | 6. Ownership | 7. Nature of Indirect | | |
| | | | | | if any | | | | | | (Instr. 3 and 4) | Form: | Form: Beneficial Ownership | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | 1 | - 1 | | | | | or Indirect | (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | | | Code | V | Amou | (A) o | | Price | | | | (I) (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock 8/1/202 | | | | /2023 | | | M | | 2,117 | (<u>1</u>) A | | \$0 | | | 29,689 | D | |
| Common Stock 8/1/202 | | | /2023 | | | F | | 8 | 32 D | | \$0 | | | 28,857 | D | | |
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| 1. Title of Derivate Security 2. 3. Trans. Date Execution Co | | Trans.Code | | Numb Derivativ | | | | te Exercisable 7. Title and Securities U | | | d Amount of Underlying | | | 10. Ownership | Nature of Indirect | | |
| (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Date, if any (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Derivat | | | rivative | Security Securities Form of E | | | | Beneficial Ownership | | | | | | | | |
| | Derivative | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | iu 4) | (Instr. 5) | Owned | Security: (I | (Instr. 4) |
| | Security | | | | | | | Date | | Expiration | | | Amount or | | Following Reported | Direct (D) or Indirect | |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | | cisable | | Titl | le | Number of Shares | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | (I) (Instr. 4) | |
| Restricted Stock Unit (2) | \$0 | 8/1/2023 | | M | | | 826 |) | (3) | (4) | | ommoi Stock | 826 | | 826 | D | |
| Restricted Stock Unit (2) | \$0 | 8/1/2023 | | M | | | 484 | | (<u>5)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | | ommoi Stock | 484 | : | 2,422 | D | |
| Restricted Stock Unit (2) | \$0 | 8/1/2023 | | M | | | 807 | () | (<u>6)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | | ommoi Stock | 807 | | 7,265 | D | |
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Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Shares acquired upon vesting of the November 2, 2020, November 1, 2021, and November 1, 2022 awards of service-based Restricted Stock Units.
- (2) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of F5, Inc. Common Stock on the vest date.
- (3) This November 2, 2020 award of service-based Restricted Stock Units vests in twelve equal quarterly increments beginning February 1, 2021.
- (4) If the reporting person continues to provide services to the Company through the vest date, the corresponding number of shares of Common Stock of F5, Inc. will be issued to the reporting person on the vest date.
- (5) This November 1, 2021 award of service-based Restricted Stock Units vests in twelve equal quarterly increments beginning February 1, 2022.
- (6) This November 1, 2022 award of service-based Restricted Stock Units vests in twelve equal quarterly increments beginning February 1, 2023.

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--|---------|-------|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Ivanie / Address | Director 10% Owner Officer | | Officer | Other | | |
| Pelzer Francis J. | | | | | | |

| C/O F5, INC. 801 5TH AVENUE | EVP, Chief Financial Officer | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|
| SEATTLE, WA 98104 | | | |

Signatures

| /s/ Scot F. Rogers by Power of Attorney | 8/3/2023 | |
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| **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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