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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) | | | | | |
|---|---|---------------|--------------------------------|---------|--|---|----------|---|--------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|---|---|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| Matte Dan | | | | F5 | F5 NETWORKS INC [FFIV] | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | | | | 3. I | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) | | | | | | | | Director 10% Owner | | | | | |
| , , | • | , | , | | | | | | | | | | | X Officer (g | | ow) | Other (speci | fy below) |
| C/O F5 NET | WORKS | S, INC., 4 | 01 | | | | | 11/ | 15/2 | 2004 | | | | Sr. VP of Ma | rketing | | | |
| ELLIOTT A | VENUE | WEST | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (Stre | eet) | | | 4. I | f An | nendm | ent, Date (| Origi | nal Fi | led (MM | /DD/YYY | Y) | 6. Individual o | or Joint/G | roup Filing | Check Appl | icable Line) |
| SEATTLE, | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X_Form filed by | | orting Person One Reporting P | erson | |
| (C | ity) (Sta | ite) (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Т | able l | I - No | n-Der | ivati | ive Sec | urities Ac | qui | red, D | isposed | of, or l | Ben | neficially Owne | ed | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trans. Da | | |] | | | 3. Trans. Co (Instr. 8) | de | de 4. Securities Acqu or Disposed of (D (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | |) Fo | | | | | 6. 7. Nature Ownership Form: Beneficial | | | |
| | | | | | | | | Code | V | Amour | (A) or | Price | | | | | | Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | | | | 11/15/2 | 2004 | | | M | | 1000 | A | \$9.5 | | | 6517 | | D | |
| Common Stock 11/15/2004 | | | | 2004 | | | S (1) | | 1000 | D | \$43.673 | 3 | 5517 | | | D | | |
| | Tab | le II - Deriv | ative | Secui | rities I | Bene | ficially | Owned (| e.g. | , puts | , calls, | warran | ts, c | options, conve | rtible sec | curities) | | |
| 1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | Date | 3A. Dee Executi Date, if | ion (| 4. Trans. Code Instr. 8) | Derivati Securitie (A) or D (D) | | | | . Date Exercisable and xpiration Date | | Securiti | es U | Inderlying Derivative Security Security | | derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following | Derivative Security: Direct (D) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exer | cisable | Expiration Date | n Title | | Amount or Number of Shares | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$9.5 | 11/15/2004 | | | M | | | 1000 | 1/1/ | 2002 | 1/1/2011 | Comn | | 1000 | \$9.5 | 9313 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

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

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| Matte Dan C/O F5 NETWORKS, INC. 401 ELLIOTT AVENUE WEST SEATTLE, WA 98119 | | | Sr. VP of Marketing | | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Dan Matte 11/17/2004

** 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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