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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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| Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | | | 2. I | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | | |
|---|------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--|----------|---|---------------|--------------------|------------|---|---|------------|------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| | | | | E-6 | PE TOLO LEPENZI | | | | | | | (Check all applicable) | | | | |
| WHITE ANA MARIA | | | | | F5, INC. [FFIV] | | | | | | | Director | | 100/ | Owner | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O F5, INC., 801 5TH AVENUE (Street) | | | | 3. I | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) | | | | | | 7) | Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) | | | | halow) |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | EVP and Chief People Officer | | | | |
| | | | | | 4/28/2023 | | | | | | | - | | | | |
| | | | | 4. I | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) | | | | | | D/YYYY) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | | |
| SEATTLE, WA 98104 | | | | | | | | | | | | X_Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | Ru | Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | \boxtimes | ☑ Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | ŗ | Гаble I - N | lon-Der | ivati | ve Sec | urities Ac | quir | ed, Di | sposed o | of, or Be | neficially Owne | d | | | |
| 1.Title of Security | | | | - | ate 2A. Deemed 3. Trans. Co | | | | <u> </u> | | | 1 | | | 6. | 7. Nature |
| (Instr. 3) | | | | | Execution Date, if any | | (Instr. 8) | | or Disposed of (D) | | Following Reported Transaction(s) | | | Ownership Form: | vnership of Indirect rm: Beneficial | |
| | | | | | | | | | (msu. 5, 4 and 5) | | Direct (D | | | | Ownership | |
| | | | | | | | | | | (A) or | | | | | or Indirect (I) (Instr. | (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | | | Code | V | Amour | | Price | | | | 4) | |
| Common Stock 4/28/20 | | | | 8/2023 | | | J ⁽¹⁾ | | 173 | A | \$114.206 | | 36801 | | D | |
| Common Stock 5/1/2023 | | | | /2023 | | | M | | 2087 |) A | \$0.00 | 38888 | | D | | |
| Common Stock 5/1/2023 | | | | /2023 | F | | F | | 820 | D | \$0.00 | | 38068 | | D | |
| | Tabl | le II - Deri | vative Sec | urities | Bene | ficially | Owned (| e.g., | , puts, | calls, wa | arrants, | options, conver | tible secu | ırities) | | |
| 1. Title of Derivate 2. 3. Trans. 3A. Deeme | | | | | | | | 6. Date Exerc | | | | | | 9. Number of | | 11. Nature |
| Security (Instr. 3) | Conversion or Exercise | | Execution Date, if any | Code (Instr. 8) | tr. 8) Acquire | | rivative Securities quired (A) or sposed of (D) | | Expirati | on Date | | Underlying Derivati Security Security | | derivative Securities | Ownership of Inc Form of Benef | of Indirect Beneficial |
| (msu. 3) | Price of | | Date, if any | (IIIsti. 0) | | | | | | | Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 5) | Beneficially | Derivative | Ownership |
| | Derivative Security | | | | | | , 4 and 5) | | | | | • | | Owned Following | Security: (In Direct (D) | (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | | | | Date | e | Expiration | Title | Amount or Number of | | Reported | or Indirect | |
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Exe | rcisable | Date | Title | Shares | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | (1) (Instr. 4) | |
| Restricted Stock Unit (3) | \$0.00 | 5/1/2023 | | M | | | 825 | | (4) | <u>(5)</u> | Common Stock | 825 | \$0.00 | 1652 | D | |
| Restricted Stock Unit (3) | \$0.00 | 5/1/2023 | | М | | | 484 | | <u>(6)</u> | <u>(5)</u> | Common Stock | 484 | \$0.00 | 2906 | D | |
| Restricted Stock Unit (3) | \$0.00 | 5/1/2023 | | M | | | 778 | | <u>(7)</u> | <u>(5)</u> | Common Stock | 778 | \$0.00 | 7784 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Shares acquired on April 28, 2023 under the F5, Inc. employee stock purchase plan in an exempt transaction pursuant to rule 16b-3(c).
- (2) Shares acquired upon vesting of the November 2, 2020, November 1, 2021, and November 1, 2022 awards of service-based Restricted Stock Units.
- (3) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of F5, Inc. Common Stock on the vest date.
- (4) This November 2, 2020 award of service-based Restricted Stock Units vests in twelve equal quarterly increments beginning February 1, 2021.
- (5) 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.
- (6) This November 1, 2021 award of service-based Restricted Stock Units vests in twelve equal quarterly increments beginning February 1, 2022.
- (7) This November 1, 2022 award of service-based Restricted Stock Units vests in twelve equal quarterly increments beginning February 1, 2023.

Reporting Owners

| Paparting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| WHITE ANA MARIA | | | | | | | |
| C/O F5, INC. 801 5TH AVENUE | | | EVP and Chief People Officer | | | | |

| SEATTLE, WA 98104 | | |
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Signatures

/s/ Scot F. Rogers by Power of Attorney

**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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