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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.	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol							5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
EAMES ED	WARD J	ULIAN		F:	5 NI	ETW	ORKS I	NC	[ ffiv	v ]		(	, ,			
(Last) (First) (Middle)				3.	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)							Director 10% Owner				
F5 NETWORKS INC, 401 ELLIOTT AVE.				Γ			8/1	11/2	2003			X _ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  Sr VP, Business Operations				
	(Stre	eet)		4.	If An	nendm	ent, Date (	Orig	inal Fi	led (MM/I	DD/YYYY)	6. Individual o	or Joint/G	roup Filing	Check Appl	icable Line)
SEATTLE,	<b>WA 9811</b> City) (Sta											X Form filed by		orting Person One Reporting P	erson	
		Т	able I -	Non-De	rivat	ive Se	curities A	cqui	red, D	isposed	of, or Bei	neficially Own	ed			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)				2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any		3. Trans. Co (Instr. 8)	de	Dispose	rities Acqued of (D) 3, 4 and 5)	. /	5. Amount of Securities Following Reported Tra (Instr. 3 and 4)				7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
							Code	V	Amoun	(A) or (D)	Price				Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	
common stock 8/11/2003				1/2003			M		1736	A	\$7	2625		D		
common stock			8/1	1/2003			S (1)		1736	D	\$17.1375		889		D	
	Tab						-	( e.g.	. , puts	s, calls, v	varrants,	options, conve	rtible sec	curities)		
1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Date 1	BA. Deemed Execution Date, if any	(Instr. 8)	Securit (A) or I (D)				6. Date Exercisable a Expiration Date		7. Title and Securities U Derivative (Instr. 3 and	Underlying Security		Beneficially Owned Following	Form of	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exe	e rcisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$7	8/11/2003		М			1736	5/27	7/2001	4/27/2011	Common Stock	1736	\$7	7640	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

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

**Reporting Owners** 

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Panorting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
EAMES EDWARD JULIAN								
F5 NETWORKS INC		Sr VP, Business Opera						
401 ELLIOTT AVE.			Si vi, Business Operation					
SEATTLE, WA 98119								

## **Signatures**

/s/ Edward J. Eames 8/13/2003

\*\*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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