

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * FOUNTAIN THOMAS DEAN (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O F5 NETWORKS, INC., 801 5TH AVENUE (Street) SEATTLE, WA 98104 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol F5 NETWORKS, INC. [FFIV] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) <p align="center">11/1/2021</p>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ___ Director ___ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below) EVP Global Services & Strategy 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned		

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	11/1/2021		M		3972 (1)	A	\$0.00	24593	D	
Common Stock	11/1/2021		F		7745	D	\$0.00	16848	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)															
1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Restricted Stock Unit (2)	\$0.00	11/1/2021		M		1143		(3)	(4)	Common Stock	1143	\$0.00	9145	D	
Restricted Stock Unit (2)	\$0.00	11/1/2021		M		652		(3)	(4)	Common Stock	652	\$0.00	0	D	
Restricted Stock Unit (2)	\$0.00	11/1/2021		M		798		(6)	(4)	Common Stock	798	\$0.00	3195	D	
Restricted Stock Unit (2)	\$0.00	11/1/2021		M		1379		(7)	(4)	Common Stock	1379	\$0.00	1380	D	
Restricted Stock Unit (2)(8)	\$0.00	11/1/2021		A		8135		(9)	(4)	Common Stock	8135	\$0.00	8135	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Shares acquired upon vesting of the February 1, 2018, November 1, 2018, November 1, 2019 and November 2, 2020 awards of service-based Restricted Stock Units.
- (2) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of F5 Networks, 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 serve as an officer of the Company on the vest date, the corresponding number of shares of Common Stock of F5 Networks, Inc. will be issued to the reporting person on the vest date.
- (5) This November 1, 2018 award of service-based Restricted Stock Units vests in twelve equal quarterly increments beginning February 1, 2019.
- (6) This November 1, 2019 award of service-based Restricted Stock Units vests in twelve equal quarterly increments beginning February 1, 2020.
- (7) Twenty five percent (25%) of this February 1, 2018 award of service-based Restricted Stock Units vests on February 1, 2019, and the remaining seventy five percent (75%) vests in twelve equal quarterly increments beginning May 1, 2019.
- (8) Concurrent with the award of 8,135 service-based Restricted Stock Units, the Company granted the reporting person additional Restricted Stock Units that vest based on performance targets ("Performance RSUs"). If the performance targets are achieved at 100%, the reporting person will receive 8,135 Performance RSUs over the vesting period; the actual number of Performance RSUs received may be more or less depending on whether and to the extent that performance is greater than or less than targets. The Performance RSUs vests over a three-year period in three equal annual installments. Performance

RSUs are not reported in Table II; the underlying shares of Performance RSUs will be reported in Table I if and when the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors determines that the performance targets have been achieved.

(9) This November 1, 2021 award of service-based Restricted Stock Units vests in twelve equal quarterly increments beginning February 1, 2022.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FOUNTAIN THOMAS DEAN C/O F5 NETWORKS, INC. 801 5TH AVENUE SEATTLE, WA 98104			EVP Global Services & Strategy	

Signatures

/s/ Scot F. Rogers by Power of Attorney

11/3/2021

**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).

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