### FORM 4

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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *      |   |                   |   |            | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol |           |  |               |   |                       |   | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)             |   |            |  |  |  |
|--|---|-------------------|---|------------|--|-----------|--|---------------|---|-----------------------|---|---|---|------------|--|--|--|
| WHALEN CHAD MICHAEL                            |   |                   |   | F5         | F5, INC. [ FFIV ]                                  |           |  |               |   |                       |   |   |   |            |  |  |  |
|  |   |                   |   |            | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)       |           |  |               |   |                       |   |   | Director 10% Owner  |            |  |  |  |
| C/O F5, INC., 801 5TH AVENUE                   |   |                   |   |            |  |           |  |               |   |                       |   |   | _X_ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) EVP, Worldwide Sales |            |  |  |  |
| (Street)                                       |   |                   |   | 4 1        |  |           |  |               |   |                       |   |   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)               |            |  |  |  |
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| SEATTLE, WA 98104                              |   |                   |   |            |  |           |  |               |   |                       |   | X _ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |            |  |  |  |
| (C:  | ity) (Stat  | e) (Zip)          | <u> </u>                                |            |  |           |  |               |   |                       |   |   |   |            |  |  |  |
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| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 3)             |   |                   | 2. T                                    | rans. Date | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution<br>Date, if any            |           | 3. Trans. Co<br>(Instr. 8)   | ode           | 4. Securities Acq<br>or Disposed of (I<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |                       | D)  |   |   |            |  | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)                                     | Beneficial<br>Ownership  |
|  |   |                   |   |            |  |           | Code   | V             | Amou  | (A) o                 |   | Price   |   |            |  | or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr.<br>4)                                     | (Instr. 4)   |
| Common Stock                                   |   |                   | 5.                                      | 1/2024     | M 639 (1) A 80 24,80                               |           |  |               | 24,807  | D                     |   |   |   |            |  |  |  |
| Common Stock                                   |   |                   |   | 1/2024     |  |           | M  |               | 952   | ( <u>2</u> ) <b>A</b> |   | \$0   |   | 25,759     |  |  |  |
| Common Stock                                   |   |                   |   | 1/2024     |  |           | M  |               | 933   | ( <u>3</u> ) A        |   | \$0   |   | 26,692     |  |  |  |
| Common Stock                                   |   |                   |   | 1/2024     | .4   |           | F  |               | 9   | 992 D \$0             |   | 25,700  |   | D          |  |  |  |
|  | Tabl  | e II - Deri       | vative Se                               | urities    | Bene   | eficially | Owned (  | e.g.,         | puts.   | calls, w              | arr   | ants.   | options, conver   | tible seci | urities)                                 |  |  |
| 1. Title of Derivate<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative | 3. Trans.<br>Date | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution<br>Date, if any |            | 1. Trans.  |           | 5. Number of<br>Derivative Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |               | 6. Date Exercisable   |                       | 7. Title and Am<br>Securities Unde<br>Derivative Secu<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |   | d Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Security                                     |            | 9. Number of                             | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form of<br>Derivative<br>Security:<br>Direct (D) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|  | Security  |                   |   | Code       | v  | (A)       | (D)  | Date<br>Exerc | cisable   | Expiration<br>Date    | Tit   | tle   | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares  |            | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | or Indirect  |  |
| Restricted Stock<br>Unit (4)                   | \$0   | 5/1/2024          |   | M          |  |           | 639  | )             | ( <u>5)</u>   | <u>(6)</u>            |   | Common<br>Stock   | 639   | \$0        | 1,279                                    | D  |  |
| Restricted Stock<br>Unit (4)                   | \$0   | 5/1/2024          |   | М          |  |           | 952  | (             | (7).  | <u>(6)</u>            |   | Common<br>Stock   | 952   | \$0        | 5,708                                    | D  |  |
| Restricted Stock<br>Unit (4)                   | \$0   | 5/1/2024          |   | M          |  |           | 933  | ).            | ( <u>8)</u>   | <u>(6)</u>            |   | Commor<br>Stock   | 933   | \$0        | 9,326                                    | D  |  |

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

- (1) Shares acquired upon vesting of the November 1, 2021 award of service-based Restricted Stock Units.
- (2) Shares acquired upon vesting of the November 1, 2022 award of service-based Restricted Stock Units.
- (3) Shares acquired upon vesting of the November 1, 2023 award of service-based Restricted Stock Units.
- (4) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of F5, Inc. Common Stock 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) 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.
- (7) This November 1, 2022 award of service-based Restricted Stock Units vests in twelve equal quarterly increments beginning February 1, 2023.
- (8) This November 1, 2023 award of service-based Restricted Stock Units vests in twelve equal quarterly increments beginning February 1, 2024.

#### **Reporting Owners**

| D ( O N /A11                   | Relationships |           |                      |       |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer              | Other |  |  |  |  |
| WHALEN CHAD MICHAEL            |               |           |                      |       |  |  |  |  |
| C/O F5, INC.                   |               |           | EVP, Worldwide Sales |       |  |  |  |  |
| 801 5TH AVENUE                 |               |           | EVP, Worldwide Sales |       |  |  |  |  |
| SEATTLE, WA 98104              |               |           |                      |       |  |  |  |  |

#### Signatures

| /s/ Scot F. Rogers by Power of Attorney | 5/2/2024 |  |  |
|---|----------|--|--|
| **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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