

CHRISTIANSON JEFFREY A  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
CHRISTIANSON JEFFREY A

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O F5 NETWORKS, INC., 401  
ELLIOTT AVE. WEST  
  
(Street)

SEATTLE, WA 98119

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
F5 NETWORKS INC [FFIV]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
10/30/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP and General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount (A) or (D) Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 10/30/2012                           |  | A                              |   | 1,694<br>(1) \$ 0 12,914  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 11/01/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 1,701<br>(2) \$ 0 14,615  | D  |                                   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction 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 (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                         | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Units <sup>(3)</sup>      | \$ 0   | 11/01/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 720  | <u>(4)</u> <u>(5)</u>   | Common Stock                  | 720                        |
| Restricted Stock Units <sup>(3)</sup>      | \$ 0   | 11/01/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 676  | <u>(6)</u> <u>(5)</u>   | Common Stock                  | 676                        |
| Restricted Stock Units <sup>(3)</sup>      | \$ 0   | 11/01/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 305  | <u>(7)</u> <u>(5)</u>   | Common Stock                  | 305                        |
| Restricted Stock Units <sup>(3)</sup>      | \$ 0   | 10/30/2012                           |  | A                              |   | 12,228 <u>(8)</u>  | <u>(9)</u> <u>(5)</u>   | Common Stock                  | 12,228                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| CHRISTIANSON JEFFREY A<br>C/O F5 NETWORKS, INC.<br>401 ELLIOTT AVE. WEST<br>SEATTLE, WA 98119 |               |           | EVP and General Counsel |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey A. Christianson 11/01/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* 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).

(1) Shares acquired based on performance targets for the August 2, 2010, August 1, 2011, and November 9, 2011 awards of Restricted Stock Units.

(2)

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Shares acquired upon vesting of the August 2, 2010, August 1, 2011, and November 9, 2011 awards of service-based Restricted Stock Units.

- (3) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of F5 Networks, Inc. Common Stock on the vest date.
- (4) 8,635 of the service-based Restricted Stock Units awarded August 2, 2010 vest in twelve equal quarterly increments beginning November 1, 2010; an additional 6,000 Restricted Stock Units vest August 1, 2013.
- (5) 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.
- (6) The August 1, 2011 award of service-based Restricted Stock Units vests in twelve equal quarterly increments beginning November 1, 2011.
- (7) The November 9, 2011 award of service-based Restricted Stock Units vests in twelve equal quarterly increments beginning February 1, 2012.  
Concurrent with this award of 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 12,228 Performance RSUs over the four-year 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. 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.
- (8) The November 1, 2012 award of service-based Restricted Stock Units vests in sixteen equal quarterly increments beginning February 1, 2013.
- (9)

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