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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

Smith Stephen M

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

01/03/2013

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

F5 NETWORKS INC [FFIV]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

C/O F5 NETWORKS, INC., 401 ELLIOTT AVE. **WEST**

(Street)

10% Owner _X_ Director Officer Other (give title below) (specify below)

(Check all applicable)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

SEATTLE. WAÂ 98119

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership (Instr. 5) Form:

Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially

Date

Exercisable

owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security**

5. 4 Conversion Ownership or Exercise Form of Derivative Price of

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

(Instr. 4)

Expiration Title Date

Amount or Number of

Derivative Security: Security Direct (D)

Shares

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Smith Stephen M

C/O F5 NETWORKS, INC.
401 ELLIOTT AVE. WEST
SEATTLE, WAÂ 98119

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey A. Christianson by Power of Attorney

01/07/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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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