

F5 NETWORKS INC  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
Smith Stephen M

(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)  
03/09/2016

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)

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Amount or Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/09/2016                           |  | M                              | A   | 2,212<br>(1)<br>\$ 0  | 6,620  | 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)**

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| 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code V (A) (D)                 |   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title   |                            |
| Restricted Stock Units <sup>(2)</sup>      | \$ 0   | 03/09/2016                           |  | M                              | 2,212   | 03/09/2016 <sup>(3)</sup>                                | Common Stock  | 2,212                      |
| Restricted Stock Units <sup>(2)</sup>      | \$ 0   | 03/10/2016                           |  | A                              | 2,540   | <sup>(4)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup>                            | Common Stock  | 2,540                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Smith Stephen M<br>C/O F5 NETWORKS, INC.<br>401 ELLIOTT AVE. WEST<br>SEATTLE, WA 98119 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Greg J. Davis by Power of Attorney 03/11/2016

\_\_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 received upon vesting of the March 12, 2015 award of Restricted Stock Units.
- (2) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Common Stock of F5 Networks, Inc. on the vest date.
- (3) One share of Common Stock of F5 Networks, Inc. was delivered to the reporting person for each Restricted Stock Unit that vested on March 9, 2016.
- (4) Restricted Stock Units will fully vest on the first business day prior to the date of the annual shareholder meeting for fiscal 2016 (to be held in 2017) if the reporting person continues to serve as a director on the vest date, and the corresponding number of shares of Common Stock of F5 Networks, Inc. will be issued to the reporting person on the vest date.

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