

F5 NETWORKS INC  
Form 4  
March 10, 2017

**FORM 4**

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

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**HIGGINSON ALAN**

(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)  
**03/08/2017**

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)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |   |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V                                                                          | Amount<br>(A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                                                         | Price                                                                |                                                                   |   |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 03/08/2017                              |                                                             | M                                       |                                                                            | 2,540<br>(1)                                                                                                       | \$ 0                                                                 | 15,850                                                            | 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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and<br>5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |     | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                    |                 |                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V                                                                                                         | (A)                                                            | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable                                                 | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units <sup>(2)</sup>         | \$ 0                                                                  | 03/08/2017                              |                                                             | M                                       |                                                                                                           | 2,540                                                          |     | 03/08/2017                                                          | <sup>(3)</sup>     | Common<br>Stock | 2,540                                  |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units <sup>(2)</sup>         | \$ 0                                                                  | 03/09/2017                              |                                                             | A                                       |                                                                                                           | 1,740                                                          |     | <sup>(4)</sup>                                                      | <sup>(4)</sup>     | Common<br>Stock | 1,740                                  |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Scot F. Rogers by Power of Attorney      03/10/2017

                     \*\*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 10, 2016 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 8, 2017.
- Restricted Stock Units will fully vest on the first business day prior to the date of the annual shareholder meeting for fiscal 2017 (to be held in 2018) 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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