

F5 NETWORKS INC

Form 4

December 15, 2006

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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*See Instruction*  
1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**Matte Dan**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O F5 NETWORKS, INC., 401  
ELLIOTT AVENUE 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)  
**12/15/2006**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Sr. VP of Marketing

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/15/2006		S(1)	4,111 D	\$ 77.86 0	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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 0	12/15/2006		A	22,000	02/01/2007 <sup>(3)</sup> 12/15/2016	Common Stock 22,0

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Matte Dan C/O F5 NETWORKS, INC. 401 ELLIOTT AVENUE WEST SEATTLE, WA 98119			Sr. VP of Marketing	

## Signatures

/s/ Dan Matte 12/15/2006

                     \*\*Signature of                      Date  
Reporting Person

## 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) Sale pursuant to the terms of a 10b5-1 trading plan.

(2) Right to receive shares of F5 Networks, Inc. common stock on the vest date.

Fifty percent (50%) of the aggregate number of RSUs in the grant vests in equal quarterly increments over two years, until such portion of the grant is fully vested on November 1, 2008. The vesting of twenty-five percent (25%) of each such grant is subject to the Company

(3) achieving specified percentage increases in total revenue for fiscal year 2007, relative to fiscal year 2006. The vesting of the remaining twenty-five percent (25%) is subject to the Company meeting specified performance criteria to be set by the Compensation Committee for fiscal year 2008.

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