

F5 NETWORKS INC  
Form 8-K  
December 15, 2006

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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549  
FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):**

**December 12, 2006**

**F5 Networks, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington

000-26041

91-1714307

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)  
401 Elliott Avenue West  
Seattle, WA 98119

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

(206) 272-5555

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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On December 12, 2006, the Board of Directors (the **Board**) of F5 Networks, Inc. (the **Company**), in consultation with the Compensation Committee of the Board (the **Compensation Committee**), approved the Company's fiscal 2007 base salary and performance-based target percentage for a quarterly cash bonus (the **target bonus percentage**) for the Company's president and chief executive officer. At such meeting, the Board also approved an annual equity grant in the form of restricted stock units (**RSUs**) for such executive as part of the Company's policy on equity compensation for executives. On the same day, the Compensation Committee also approved equity grants in the form of RSUs, for certain of the other current executive officers disclosed in the Company's last proxy statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 20, 2006. These executive officers, together with the Company's president and chief executive officer, are collectively referred to as the **Named Executive Officers**.

The following table sets forth the fiscal 2007 base salaries, target bonus percentages and RSU grants for each Named Executive Officer. The base salaries and target bonus percentages are effective as of October 1, 2006, the first day of the Company's fiscal year 2007. The RSU grants are effective as of December 15, 2006.

| <b>Name and Principal Position</b>  | <b>Salary</b> | <b>Target Bonus Percentage</b> | <b>Restricted Stock Units</b> |
|---|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| John McAdam<br>President and Chief Executive Officer                          | \$495,508.00  | 80%                            | 100,000                       |
| John E. Rodriguez<br>Senior VP and Chief Accounting Officer                   | \$198,803.00  | 30%                            | 20,000                        |
| Edward Eames<br>Senior VP of Business Operations and Global Services          | \$283,628.00  | 60%                            | 22,000                        |
| Tom Hull<br>Senior VP of Worldwide Sales                                      | \$292,136.00  | 60%                            | 22,000                        |
| Karl Triebes<br>Senior VP of Product Development and Chief Technology Officer | \$342,698.00  | 50%                            | 22,000                        |

Under the Company's Incentive Compensation Plan for Executive Officers, a copy of which was filed as an exhibit to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2004, each executive of the Company is eligible to receive quarterly cash bonuses if the Company achieves Board-approved performance targets. At the end of each fiscal quarter, subject to the Company's performance during such period, executives are eligible to receive an aggregate maximum cash bonus in an amount equal to 25% of their annual base salary multiplied by their respective target bonus percentages. In the event that the Company does not achieve at least 80% of the performance targets for a quarterly period, no bonus shall be paid to an executive under the plan. If the Company achieves between 80% and 100% of the performance targets for a quarter, the aggregate cash bonus payable to an executive for such period is proportionately reduced. If the Company exceeds the performance targets for a quarterly period, the participating executives may earn additional cash bonuses at the discretion of the Board.

The equity grants described above were made pursuant to the Company's 2005 Equity Incentive Plan. Fifty percent (50%) of the aggregate number of RSUs in each such 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 achieving specified



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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. In accordance with the 2005 Equity Incentive Plan, a Named Executive Officer must be employed by the Company or its affiliates on each vesting date in order to receive the shares of common stock issuable upon such vesting date.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

F5 NETWORKS, INC.  
(Registrant)

Date: December 15, 2006

*By: /s/ Jeffrey A. Christianson*

Jeffrey A. Christianson  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel  
and  
Corporate Secretary