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F5 Maintenance Terms and Conditions 1. Agreement. Subject to customer's ("Customer") payment of applicable maintenance and support fees, F5 agrees to support, maintain, repair or replace the F5 products ("Product(s)") properly registered and entitled subject to these terms and conditions ("Agreement"). All references to "F5" in this Agreement will be deemed to be a reference to the applicable F5 entity as follows: (i) if the Customer's primary place of business is located in the European Economic Area, the Middle East or Africa ("EMEA"), the F5 entity is F5 Networks Ltd.; (ii) if the Customer's primary place of business is located in the Asia-Pacific region ("APAC"), the F5 entity is F5 Networks Singapore Pte Ltd; and (iii) if the Customer's primary place of business is located in a region outside of EMEA or APAC, the F5 entity is F5 Networks, Inc. By accessing F5 support services in any way, Customer agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions below. 2. Term. Coverage under this Agreement will commence on the earlier of (i) (90) days after the date the Product is shipped from the manufacturing facilities of F5, or (ii) the date the covered Product is activated with F5, or (iii) if F5 has no record of license activation, service will begin on the ship date and no service extensions will apply. Customer support agreements will automatically renew for additional one year terms upon submission of a purchase order for renewal, unless either Customer or F5 provides written notice of termination at least 30 days prior to the end of any such term. In the event that Customer accesses F5 support services in any way after this Agreement has expired or been terminated, Customer will continue to be bound by this Agreement, including without limitation Sections 4, 10, and 11, which will continue to apply to the services after such expiration or termination. Each renewal will be at F5's then-current rate. Services pricing will be charged for all F5 Product platform and add-on software purchases. The total service price will be calculated as a percentage of total list prices, appropriate to the level of service purchased. Either party may terminate Customer's F5 support services under this Agreement upon 30 days' notice in the event of a material breach by the other party of this Agreement, provided such breach is not cured by the end of such 30 day period. 3. F5's Obligations. (a) F5 will provide telephone support for any Product covered by this Agreement. Such support will consist of responding to trouble calls as reasonably required to make the Product perform as described in the current Product specifications. Customer will receive Standard or Premium service as indicated in its order for the F5 support services. Customer support will be provided in accordance with F5's support policies which are available at www.f5.com/about/guidelines-policies. (b) Customer is entitled, at no charge, to updated versions of covered Products, such as bug fixes and new releases that are generally made available at no additional cost to F5's customers that have ordered maintenance services for the relevant time period. The foregoing right shall not include any options, upgrades or future products which F5 or third party vendors charge for as a separate product or where Customer's installed hardware platform has no further upgrades available according to either (i) the applicable F5 software release notes provided with each release and also available

for review via the Ask F5 service or (ii) a written end-of-life announcement communicated to Customer by F5. F5 is not obligated to provide hardware upgrades to ensure compatibility with new software versions of its products or to ensure that new software versions of its products are compatible with outdated hardware platforms. (c) F5 will, at its option, repair or replace any Product or component that fails during the term of Customer's support agreement at no cost to Customer, provided that Customer contacts the F5 technical support center to report the failure and complies with F5's return policies. Products returned to F5 must be preauthorized by F5 with a Return Material Authorization (RMA) number marked on the outside of the package, and sent prepaid, insured and packaged appropriately for safe shipment. Only packages with RMA numbers written on the outside of the shipping carton and/or the packing slips and shipping paperwork will be accepted by F5's receiving department. All other packages will be rejected. A replacement Product or component will be shipped from F5's USA operations to the Customer on the next business day following F5's confirmation of the failure of the original Product or component via remote troubleshooting and receipt from the Customer of the RMA Template containing Customer provided delivery and system configuration information (Note: there are international exceptions). Customer will return the failed Product or component to F5 under the RMA number issued by F5 upon receipt of the replacement. F5 may invoice the Customer for any failed Products or components (a) with respect to which the damage to such Products or components is attributable to actions taken by Customer or any of its agents (including but not limited to the categories set forth in Section 4 below); or (b) not returned within ten (10) business days of shipment of the replacement unit(s) (c) Product not returned in the original packaging box or the replacement unit packaging that causes undue damage to the unit. Title to any returned Products or components will transfer to F5 upon receipt. F5 will be responsible for all freight charges for returned Products or components provided Customer uses F5 designated carrier. F5 will replace defective media or documentation or, at its option, undertake reasonable efforts to modify the software to correct any substantial non-conformance with the specifications. (d) ASK F5 is a 24-hour, 7-day-a-week online service that allows Customers to receive rapid answers to F5 Product and service-related questions. Customers simply type a question into their Web browser; ASK F5 responds to the query. ASK F5 is also fully integrated with F5's technical support center, allowing Customers to quickly communicate on-line with support staff who are experts in F5 Products. F5 provides ASK F5 online support services at no charge during the term of this Agreement, provided that Customer must register to obtain a user name and password in order to access the Ask F5 services. (e) F5 can use remote access tools to view a specific troubleshooting instance. When accessing Customer systems: • F5 will access Customer's system only upon Customer request. F5 will not take control of the remote access session, but instead will guide the Customer through executing commands, gathering data, making configuration changes or other actions as may be necessary. • F5 recommends that the Customer create backup copies of configuration files before any work is performed. • Any recommended changes must be validated by the Customer and, where possible, will first be made on a stand-by unit. • F5 will make use of security shred bins for all sensitive Customer information that may be written on paper. • F5 does not send out Customer information. If remote access is not an available option, it will take significantly longer to identify and resolve the outstanding incident. (f) F5 specifically disclaims any and all support or repair obligation with respect to any application that has not undergone feature-set approval and F5's QA process for feature integration (a "Non-Supported Application"). Customer acknowledges that if a new support case is created in accordance with F5's support process where the issue is suspected to be, or is found to be, attributable to a Non-Supported Application, F5 may elect one of the following options, at its sole discretion: • Remove the Non-Supported Application, following consultation with Customer, in order to continue to resolve the issue; or • Cease work on the case and recommend that Customer remove the Non-Supported Application from the F5 Product in order to continue toward resolution. • If the F5 Product continues to function improperly or if the issue persists due to the NonSupported Application, F5 will cease all support efforts on the case. The parties will then cooperate to develop a mutually satisfactory "for-fee" arrangement for continuing work on the issue. 4. Restrictions. Services provided by F5 under this Agreement are limited to the covered Product and are contingent upon the Customer's proper use of the Product in the application for which it was designed. F5 will not be obligated to provide any service or to correct any malfunction, damage or other problem if the Product: (a) has been altered, except by F5 or an F5-designated representative or in accordance with F5 instructions, (b) has not been installed, operated, repaired, or maintained in accordance with F5 instructions, (c) has been subjected to abnormal physical or electrical stress, misuse, negligence or accident, (d) has been operated outside of the environmental specifications for the Product or (e) is related to configuration of Customer's network beyond that necessary to the use or installation of F5 Products. F5 reserves the right to limit or terminate development support (including error correction services) of any Product version one (1) year after the date of release of a subsequent Product version in accordance with its end of life policies (available through AskF5). The foregoing restriction shall apply even if Customer elects to install a Product version other than the then-currently shipping version of the Product. 5. Recertification. Requests for maintenance on Products purchased from sources other than an F5 VAR or directly from F5 (i.e. used or purchased from an online auction), or

where maintenance has lapsed on the Product for more than 180 days, will first be subject to an inspection by a representative of F5 at the rate of \$10,000 USD per unit (\$20,000 USD for redundant systems) payable to F5 Networks. The inspection will determine if the unit is at a maintainable state and eligible for coverage. Once the unit has passed inspection, a F5 support services and additional services may be purchased at the current published rates.

6. Prices and Payment. Fees for the initial or any subsequent term of Customer's support agreement will be due and payable net 30 days from date of invoice. All payments to F5 Networks will be made in US dollars. F5 may accept payment in any amount without prejudice to its right to recover the balance of the amount due or to pursue any other right or remedy. No endorsement or statement on any check or payment or in any letter accompanying a check or payment or elsewhere will be construed as an accord or satisfaction. Overdue payments may be charged interest at the lesser of 1.5% per month or the maximum interest allowed by law. If F5 is required to retain a collection agency or attorney to collect overdue payment, all reasonable collection costs, including attorney fees, will be payable by Purchaser.

7. Lapsed Service Fee. If Customer purchases an annual Maintenance Agreement for a Product where maintenance has lapsed on the Product by up to 180 days, Customer will be charged a "Lapsed Service" fee at the rate of \$2,000 USD in addition to the then-current standard maintenance fee pro-rated for the time period during which no maintenance was in effect.

8. Expedited RMA Services (Limited Availability Area). Where Customer has purchased an Expedited RMA service, the terms of this Section 8 will also apply. Products covered under any of these services must be covered under current F5 support services under this Agreement. Expedited RMA service purchased by Customer will be available fifteen business days after the receipt and acceptance of the purchase order for service and the Customer's completed Expedited RMA Service paperwork, providing full hardware configuration to be supported and accurate installation address of Product (template provided by F5 Sales). F5 will make a reasonable effort to match the current configuration of the supported hardware. However, it is the Customer's duty to notify F5 in writing of any hardware configuration changes or changes to the Product location covered by this agreement. F5 requires fifteen business days to implement necessary changes to support the new configuration and/or location, and will be subject to Availability Area. If change notification is not made, F5 will take responsibility for the configuration and location on file at F5 only. Notification regarding physical moves of appliances must be made via email to RMAchanges@F5.com.

4 Hour RMA Services: For Customers with Products deployed within the F5 Four Hour RMA Availability Area (the Availability Area) as posted at <http://www.f5.com/about/guidelines-policies/>, F5 will make a commercially reasonable effort to deliver a Replacement unit within 4 hours of an F5 determination that a Replacement unit is needed and receipt from the Customer of the completed RMA Template containing Customer provided delivery and system configuration information. Customer acknowledges and agrees that the Replacement unit may be delivered with a different System Software version than the version installed on the failed unit. For Customers with units that are not within the Availability Area or who otherwise do not meet the criteria listed for F5 Four Hour RMA Availability, F5 will use commercially reasonable efforts to deliver a replacement unit as soon as practicable. The four hour period will be defined by the business hours covered by Customer's current F5 support services under this Agreement. Accessories such as optical modules and cables and mechanical items such as rail kits, latches, and bezels are not covered by Expedited RMA Services. Limited parts, including ARX batteries, are not covered by Expedited RMA Services for safety and regulatory reasons and will be subject to F5's standard RMA processes. Please contact Customer's F5 representative for further details. Provided the Customer technical contact completes the RMA Template, for Customers that purchase the Expedited 4 Hour RMA with Technician Service (Limited Availability Area), the technician, working under the direct supervision of a remote F5 Network Support Engineer, will:

- a) Remove and replace the failed unit;
- b) Load the F5 Manufacturing Released System Software version on the Replacement unit that most closely matches, without exceeding, the System Software version on the failed unit;
- c) Activate the License on the Replacement Appliance where applicable.

The Customer understands and agrees that execution of the three steps above requires the Customer to provide a site escort for the Technician as well as high speed internet access and telephone connectivity both in reasonable proximity to the work area. The technician will not:

- a) Troubleshoot;
- b) Apply Hot Fixes or software patches;
- c) Upgrade software;
- d) Make changes to the environment;
- e) Restore the configuration, create a basic configuration, or perform any other configuration activity
- f) Fulfill requests made by the Customer's on-site representative.

9. Taxes and Other Charges. All charges are exclusive of all foreign, federal, state, municipal, or other government excise, duty, sales, use or occupational taxes or charges now in force or enacted in the future, and therefore are subject to an increase equal in amount to any taxes or charges F5 may be required to collect or pay upon the services performed or materials provided hereunder whether during the service coverage period or otherwise.

10. Limitation of Liability and Disclaimer of Warranty. F5 sole obligation and liability hereunder is for the service and repair of the Products covered under this Agreement. F5 will have no further obligation or liability beyond such service and repair. **IN NO EVENT WILL F5 BE LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGE RESULTING FROM LOSS OF USE, DATA, PROFIT, OR BUSINESS, OR FOR ANY SPECIAL, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, WHETHER ARISING FROM AN ACTION OF CONTRACT, TORT OR OTHER**

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