

AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES INC
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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 *
 Benson James M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES INC
 [AKAM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 ___X___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

Chief Financial Officer

C/O AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES, INC., 150 BROADWAY

(Street)

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

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

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 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)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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)

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0	02/09/2017	A		16,914		⁽²⁾	02/11/2020	Common Stock	16,914
Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0	02/09/2017	A		33,828		⁽³⁾	02/12/2020	Common Stock	33,828
Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0	02/09/2017	A		16,914		⁽⁴⁾	02/14/2020	Common Stock	16,914

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Benson James M C/O AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 150 BROADWAY CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142			Chief Financial Officer	

Signatures

/s/ James H Hammons Jr, by power of attorney 02/10/2017

__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) Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents the right to receive one share of Akamai common stock upon vesting.
- (2) RSUs vest over three years as follows: 33% on each of February 9, 2018, 2019 and 2020.
Vesting of such RSUs is dependent on Akamai's achievement of a specified financial performance targets for each of 2017, 2018 and 2019. To the extent such targets are met, the RSUs will vest on the date the company's financial results for 2019 are certified. Amount reported is maximum issuable.
- (4) Vesting of such RSUs is dependent on the relative cumulative total shareholder return of Akamai's common stock as compared to the S&P 500 Information Technology Index for 2017, 2018 and 2019. To the extent the company's total shareholder return exceeds specified target percentile rankings within such index, the RSUs will vest in full on the date the company's financial results for 2019 are certified. Amount reported is maximum issuable.

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