

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Benson James M</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES, INC.</u> <u>150 BROADWAY</u> (Street) <u>CAMBRIDGE MA 02142</u> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES INC [AKAM]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Financial Officer</u> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/09/2017</u> | |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | |

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) |
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| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 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 of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | | Title |
| Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ | \$0.0 | 02/09/2017 | | A | | 16,914 | | (2) | 02/11/2020 | Common Stock | 16,914 | \$0 | 16,914 | D | |
| Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ | \$0.0 | 02/09/2017 | | A | | 33,828 | | (3) | 02/12/2020 | Common Stock | 33,828 | \$0 | 33,828 | D | |
| Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ | \$0.0 | 02/09/2017 | | A | | 16,914 | | (4) | 02/14/2020 | Common Stock | 16,914 | \$0 | 16,914 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents the right to receive one share of Akamai common stock upon vesting.
- 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.
- 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.

Remarks:

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

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

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**LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR SECTION 16 REPORTING OBLIGATIONS**

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby makes, constitutes and appoints each of James Hammons, Laura Howell and Conor Daly, signing singly and each acting individually, as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact with full power and authority as hereinafter described to:

(1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Akamai Technologies, Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 (including any amendments thereto) in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder (the "Exchange Act");

(2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to prepare, complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5, prepare, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely deliver and file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and any stock exchange or similar authority, including without limitation the filing of a Form ID or any other application materials to enable the undersigned to gain or maintain access to the Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval system of the SEC;

(3) seek or obtain, as the undersigned's representative and on the undersigned's behalf, information regarding transactions in the Company's securities from any third party, including brokers, employee benefit plan administrators and trustees, and the undersigned hereby authorizes any such person to release any such information to such attorney-in-fact and approves and ratifies any such release of information; and

(4) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming nor relieving, nor is the Company assuming nor relieving, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Exchange Act. The undersigned acknowledges that neither the Company nor the foregoing attorneys-in-fact assume (i) any liability for the undersigned's responsibility to comply with the requirement of the Exchange Act, (ii) any liability of the undersigned for any failure to comply with such requirements, or (iii) any obligation or liability of the undersigned for profit disgorgement under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 8th day of June, 2015.

/s/ James M. Benson
Signature

James M. Benson
Print Name