

CARTER LARRY R  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
CARTER LARRY R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CISCO SYSTEMS INC [CSCO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
170 WEST TASMAN DRIVE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
10/20/2010

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

SAN JOSE, CA 95134

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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 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	10/20/2010		M <sup>(1)</sup>	50,000 A	\$ 17.26 111,674	D	
Common Stock	10/20/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>	50,000 D	\$ 23.54 61,674	D	
Common Stock					2,588	I	by Trust <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock					3,400	I	by Carter Living Trust

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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 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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.26	10/20/2010		M <sup>(1)</sup>	50,000	11/02/2002 <sup>(3)</sup> 11/02/2010	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CARTER LARRY R 170 WEST TASMAN DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Larry R. Carter by Evan Sloves,  
Attorney-in-Fact 10/22/2010

\_\_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) This transaction was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 plan adopted by the reporting person on September 16, 2010.
- (2) Shares held by the Carter Revocable Trust dated October 18, 1994.
- (3) The option vested as to twenty percent (20%) of the shares on the one (1) year anniversary of the grant date, and as to the remaining eighty percent (80%) of the shares thereafter in forty-eight (48) successive equal monthly installments.

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