FIRST SOLAR, INC.

Form 4

March 08, 2016

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

Washington, D.C. 20549

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obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **Bueter Christopher**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Last)

(First) (Middle) FIRST SOLAR, INC. [FSLR]

(Check all applicable)

C/O FIRST SOLAR, INC., 350

(Street)

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

Director X_ Officer (give title) below)

10% Owner _ Other (specify

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4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

EVP, Human Resources

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

03/05/2016

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TEMPE, AZ 85281-1244

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative :	Secur	ities Acqu	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired n(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	03/05/2016		M	1,935 (1)	A	\$0	1,935	D	
Common Stock	03/05/2016		M	2,012 (2)	A	\$0	3,947	D	
Common Stock	03/05/2016		F	628 (3)	D	\$ 69.52	3,319	D	
Common Stock	03/05/2016		F	653 (3)	D	\$ 69.52	2,666	D	

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 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)	Code	5. Number ion 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pr Deriv Secu (Inst
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(4)</u>	03/05/2016		M	1,935	<u>(5)</u>	(5)	Common Stock	1,935	\$
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(4)</u>	03/05/2016		M	2,012	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	2,012	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Bueter Christopher C/O FIRST SOLAR, INC. 350 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 600 TEMPE, AZ 85281-1244

EVP, Human Resources

Signatures

/s/ Peter C. Bartolino, Attorney-in-fact 03/08/2016

**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) Represents shares of common stock issued upon vesting of 25% of the restricted stock units granted on March 5, 2014.
- (2) Represents shares of common stock issued upon vesting of 25% of the restricted stock units granted on March 5, 2015.

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- (3) Represents shares of common stock withheld by the Issuer to satisfy certain tax withholding obligations with the vesting of the restricted stock units.
- (4) Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive, upon vesting, one share of the Issuer's common stock in accordance with the Issuer's 2010 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan.
- (5) The restricted stock units were granted on March 5, 2014. These units are scheduled to vest at a rate of 25% per year, commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date.
- (6) The restricted stock units were granted on March 5, 2015. These units are scheduled to vest at a rate of 25% per year, commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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