Schumaker Bryan Robert Form 4 March 09, 2018

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** Form 4 or

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

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obligations

may continue.

See Instruction

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Schumaker Bryan Robert

(Middle)

C/O FIRST SOLAR, INC., 350 WEST WASHINGTON STREET,

(First)

SUITE 600

(Street)

TEMPE, AZ 85281-1244

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

FIRST SOLAR, INC. [FSLR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/07/2018

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Chief Accounting Officer

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)	Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (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	03/07/2018		M	2,299 (1)	A	\$0	3,232	D	
Common Stock	03/07/2018		F	643 (2)	D	\$ 67.95	2,589	D	
Common Stock	03/08/2018		M	1,178 (3)	A	\$ 0	3,767	D	
Common Stock	03/08/2018		F	330 (2)	D	\$ 67.69	3,437	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)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number out 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 (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(4)</u>	03/07/2018		M	2,299	(5)	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	2,299	\$
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(4)</u>	03/08/2018		M	1,178	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	1,178	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Schumaker Bryan Robert C/O FIRST SOLAR, INC. 350 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 600 TEMPE, AZ 85281-1244			Chief Accounting Officer			

Signatures

/s/ Jason E. Dymbort,
attorney-in-fact

**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 7, 2017.
- (2) Represents shares of common stock withheld by the Issuer to satisfy certain tax withholding obligations with the vesting of the restricted stock units.

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- (3) Represents shares of common stock issued upon vesting of 25% of the restricted stock units granted on March 8, 2016.
- (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 2015 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan.
- (5) The restricted stock units were granted on March 7, 2017 as part of the Issuer's annual equity grant to executive officers. These units are scheduled to vest annually at a rate of 25% on each anniversary of the grant date, commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date.
- (6) The restricted stock units were granted on March 8, 2016 as part of the Issuer's annual equity grant to executive officers. These units are scheduled to vest annually at a rate of 25% on each anniversary of the grant date, commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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