

KALETA PAUL J  
Form 4  
March 11, 2019

**FORM 4**

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
KALETA PAUL J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O FIRST SOLAR, INC., 350  
WEST WASHINGTON ST., SUITE  
600

(Street)

TEMPE, AZ 85281-1244

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
FIRST SOLAR, INC. [FSLR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/07/2019

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_X\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP, Genl Counsel & Secretary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_X\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 03/07/2019                              |                                                             | M                                       | (A)<br>or<br>(D)<br>Amount<br>(1)<br>4,980<br>Price<br>\$ 0             | 28,125                                                                                                             | D                                                                    |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 03/07/2019                              |                                                             | F                                       | (2)<br>2,309<br>D<br>\$ 50.36                                           | 25,816                                                                                                             | D                                                                    |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 03/08/2019                              |                                                             | M                                       | (3)<br>2,890<br>A<br>\$ 0                                               | 28,706                                                                                                             | D                                                                    |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 03/08/2019                              |                                                             | F                                       | (2)<br>1,340<br>D<br>\$ 51.16                                           | 27,366                                                                                                             | 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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |     | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                    | 8. Pr<br>Deriv<br>Secu<br>(Instr |                                        |    |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----|
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                                                               | (A)                                                            | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable                                                 | Expiration<br>Date | Title                            | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |    |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units                        | (4)                                                                | 03/07/2019                              |                                                             | M                                    |                                                                                                                 | 4,980                                                          |     | (5)                                                                 | (5)                | Common<br>Stock                  | 4,980                                  | \$ |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units                        | (4)                                                                | 03/08/2019                              |                                                             | M                                    |                                                                                                                 | 2,890                                                          |     | (6)                                                                 | (6)                | Common<br>Stock                  | 2,890                                  | \$ |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                       | Relationships                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                                                      | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| KALETA PAUL J<br>C/O FIRST SOLAR, INC.<br>350 WEST WASHINGTON ST., SUITE 600<br>TEMPE, AZ 85281-1244 | EVP, Genl Counsel & Secretary    |

## Signatures

/s/ Jason E. Dymbort,  
attorney-in-fact 03/11/2019

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(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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