

FIRST SOLAR, INC.  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**HUGHES JAMES ALTON**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O FIRST SOLAR, 350 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, 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)  
**11/10/2015**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 11/10/2015                           |  | S                              | (1) 77,986 D 55.62 (2)  | 89,955  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 11/11/2015                           |  | S                              | (1) 2,913 D 54.73   | 87,042  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 11/11/2015                           |  | J(3)                           | (3) 42,884 D \$ 0   | 44,158  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 11/12/2015                           |  | S(4)                           | (5) 4,800 D 54.15 (5)   | 39,358  | D  |   |

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Common Stock      11/12/2015      S<sup>(4)</sup>      10,200      D      \$ 54.79      29,158      D  
 (6)

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. 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|-------|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| HUGHES JAMES ALTON<br>C/O FIRST SOLAR<br>350 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 600<br>TEMPE, AZ 85281-1244 | X             |           | Chief Executive Officer |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Peter C. Bartolino,      11/12/2015  
 Attorney-in-fact      Date  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## 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 sold by the reporting person to satisfy certain tax withholding obligations associated with the issuance of common stock relating to the vesting of KSTEPP performance units, as described in the Form 4 filed by the reporting person with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 10, 2015. This transaction was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading

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plan previously adopted by the reporting person on November 19, 2014.

- (2) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$54.63 to \$58.60. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line.

- (3) Represents shares transferred to the reporting person's ex-spouse pursuant to a divorce decree. The securities owned by the ex-spouse are not beneficially owned by the reporting person. Half of the shares issued pursuant to vesting of the performance units grant (subsequent to the sale of shares to satisfy certain tax withholding obligations associated with the vesting of the performance units) are required to be transferred to the reporting person's ex-spouse pursuant to the divorce decree.

- (4) This transaction was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan previously adopted by the reporting person on August 21, 2015.

- (5) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$53.52 to \$54.51. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line.

- (6) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$54.52 to \$55.29. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line.

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