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(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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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(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
GILLETTE ROBERT J (Last) (First) (Middle)	**FIRST SOLAR, INC. [FSLR]**	__ **X** __ Director _____ 10% Owner
C/O FIRST SOLAR, INC., 350 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 600 (Street)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) **10/12/2011**	__ **X** __ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) **CEO**
TEMPE, AZ 85281-1244 (City) (State) (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) _ **X** _ 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. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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	**10/12/2011**		**M**		**40625** (1)	**A**	**$ 0**	**67483**	**D**	
Common Stock	**10/12/2011**		**F**		**15905** (2)	**D**	**$57.08**	**51578**	**D**	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (*e.g.* , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	**10/12/2011**		**M**			**40625**	(4)	(4)	**Common Stock**	**40625**	**$ 0**	**0**	**D**	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Represents shares of common stock issued upon vesting of 100% of the restricted stock units granted on October 12, 2009.

(2) Represents shares of common stock withheld by the Issuer to satisfy certain tax withholding obligations pursuant to the Reporting Person's Employment Agreement.

(3) 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 Amended and Restated 2006 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan.

(4) The restricted stock units were granted on October 12, 2009 pursuant to the Reporting Person's Employment Agreement and were scheduled to vest 100% on October 12, 2011.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GILLETTE ROBERT J **C/O FIRST SOLAR, INC.** **350 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 600** **TEMPE, AZ 85281-1244**	**X**		**CEO**	

Signatures

/s/ Peter C. Bartolino, Attorney-in-fact **10/13/2011**

** Signature of Reporting Person — Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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