Widmar Mark R Form 4 November 27, 2018

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Widmar Mark R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(First) (Middle) (Last)

FIRST SOLAR, INC. [FSLR]

(Check all applicable)

C/O FIRST SOLAR, INC., 350

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/21/2018

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

Chief Executive Officer

WEST WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 600

(Street)

(State)

11/21/2018

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

TEMPE, AZ 85281-1244

(City)

Stock

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 3. Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Securities Beneficially (D) or Owned Following (Instr. 4) Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Common

or Code V Amount Price (D) 8,500

3,702

(2)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

11/21/2018 Stock Common

M (1)

F

A \$0

42.6

(A)

D

101,529

D

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	(3)	11/21/2018		M	8,500	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	8,500	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
reporting owner runner runners	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Widmar Mark R C/O FIRST SOLAR, INC. 350 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 600 TEMPE, AZ 85281-1244	X		Chief Executive 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 34% of the restricted stock units granted on November 21, 2016.
- (2) Represents shares of common stock withheld by the Issuer to satisfy certain tax withholding obligations with the vesting of the restricted stock units.
- (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 2015 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan.
- (4) The restricted stock units were granted on November 21, 2016 pursuant to the retention equity award. These units are scheduled to vest at a rate of 33% on July 21, 2017, 33% on March 21, 2018 and 34% on November 21, 2018.

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