

FIRST SOLAR, INC.

Form 4

November 22, 2016

FORM 4UNITED 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 *
Widmar Mark R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O FIRST SOLAR, INC., 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)

11/21/2016

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	(D)	Price

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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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. I
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)			
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	11/21/2016	A		25,000		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	25,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	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/ Peter C. Bartolino,
Attorney-in-fact

11/22/2016

__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) 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.
- (2) The restricted stock units were granted on November 21, 2016 pursuant to a 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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