

FIRST SOLAR, INC.

Form 3

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**FORM 3****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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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 \*

Â Bueter Christopher

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring  
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

07/01/2015

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol  
FIRST SOLAR, INC. [FSLR]4. Relationship of Reporting  
Person(s) to Issuer5. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner☒ Officer ☐ Other  
(give title below) (specify below)

SVP, Human Resources

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line)

☒ Form filed by One Reporting  
Person☐ Form filed by More than One  
Reporting PersonC/O FIRST SOLAR, INC.,Â 350  
WEST WASHINGTON  
STREET, SUITE 600

(Street)

TEMPE,Â AZÂ 85281-1244

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**1. Title of Security  
(Instr. 4)2. Amount of Securities  
Beneficially Owned  
(Instr. 4)3. Ownership  
Form:  
Direct (D)  
or Indirect  
(I)  
(Instr. 5)4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial  
Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

Common Stock

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

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required to respond unless the form displays a  
currently valid OMB control number.****Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**1. Title of Derivative Security  
(Instr. 4)2. Date Exercisable and  
Expiration Date  
(Month/Day/Year)3. Title and Amount of  
Securities Underlying  
Derivative Security  
(Instr. 4)4. Conversion  
or Exercise  
Price of  
Derivative5. Ownership  
Form of  
Derivative  
Security:6. Nature of Indirect  
Beneficial Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Restricted Stock Units	Â (1)	Â (1)	Common Stock	2,761	\$ (2)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	Â (3)	Â (3)	Common Stock	5,204	\$ (2)	D	Â
Performance Units	Â (4)	Â (4)	Common Stock	50,000	\$ (5)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	Â (6)	Â (6)	Common Stock	5,804	\$ (2)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	Â (7)	Â (7)	Common Stock	8,045	\$ (2)	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Bueter Christopher C/O FIRST SOLAR, INC. 350 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 600 TEMPE, AZ 85281-1244	Â	Â	Â SVP, Human Resources	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Peter C. Bartolino,  
Attorney-in-fact

07/10/2015

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) The restricted stock units were granted on March 21, 2012. These units are scheduled to vest at a rate of 25% per year, commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date.
- (2) 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 2010 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan.
- (3) The restricted stock units were granted on March 13, 2013. These units are scheduled to vest at a rate of 25% per year, commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date.

- (4) The performance units were granted on November 25, 2013 and shall vest in two separate tranches, each contingent upon the achievement of a threshold performance goal and pre-established performance criteria within a defined performance period. Performance Units will not vest unless the participant is continuously employed by the Issuer through the applicable vesting date, unless the participant is eligible, in certain pre-established circumstances, for a pro-rata settlement. In the event of a change of control of the Issuer during the performance period, regardless of whether the threshold performance goal has been achieved, 25% of the then unvested portion of the performance unit will vest or a different amount as determined by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. For more information, see Part II, Item 5 Other Information, of the Issuer's Current Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 4, 2012.

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Each performance unit represents the right to receive, upon vesting, one share of the Issuer's common stock in accordance with the Issuer's 2010 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan.

- (6) The restricted stock units were granted on March 5, 2014. These units are scheduled to vest at a rate of 25% per year, commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date.
- (7) The restricted stock units were granted on March 5, 2015. These units are scheduled to vest at a rate of 25% per year, commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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### Remarks:

ExhibitÂ ListÂ -Â ExhibitÂ 24,Â PowerÂ ofÂ Attorney

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