

GILLETTE ROBERT J  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
GILLETTE ROBERT J

(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)  
10/12/2009

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)  
CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 10/12/2009                           |  | A                              |   | 20,313<br><u>(1)</u>  | A  | \$ 0 20,313 D                     |
| Common Stock                    | 10/12/2009                           |  | F                              |   | 8,327<br><u>(2)</u>   | D  | \$ 160 11,986 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. 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)  | \$ 160   | 10/12/2009                           |  | A                              | 34,084<br>(3)   | (4) 10/12/2019   | Common Stock 34,0   |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | \$ 0 (5)   | 10/12/2009                           |  | A                              | 40,625<br>(6)   | (7) (7)  | Common Stock 40,6   |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Peter C. Bartolino, 10/14/2009  
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 pursuant to the Reporting Person's Employment Agreement.
- (2) Represents shares of common stock withheld by the Issuer to satisfy certain tax withholding obligations associated with the grant of common stock.
- (3) Represents non-qualified stock options issued pursuant to the Reporting Person's Employment Agreement.
- (4) The options were vested as of the grant date as per the terms of the Reporting Person's Employment Agreement.
- (5) Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive, upon vesting, one share of the Issuer's common stock.
- (6) Represents restricted stock units issued pursuant to the Reporting Person's Employment Agreement.
- (7) The restricted stock units are scheduled to vest 100% on October 12, 2011.

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