

Richards Douglas J.
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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 *
Richards Douglas J.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O SUNPOWER CORPORATION, 77 RIO ROBLES

(Street)

SAN JOSE, CA 95134

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SUNPOWER CORP [SPWR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/01/2012

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)
EVP, Administration

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	03/01/2012		M		12,714 A \$ 0	20,146	D
Common Stock	03/01/2012		F ⁽¹⁾		4,664 D \$ 7.45	15,482	D
Common Stock	03/01/2011		M		16,667 A \$ 0	32,149	D
Common Stock	03/01/2012		F ⁽¹⁾		6,347 D \$ 7.45	25,802	D

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

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Disposition of shares exempt under Rule 16b-3 as payment of tax liability to Company by delivery or withholding securities incident to vesting of restricted stock shares.

(2) Each PSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's Common Stock upon vesting.

(3) On May 3, 2010, Reporting Person was awarded a number of PSUs within a preset range, with the actual number contingent upon the achievement of certain performance criteria. The Compensation Committee of the Issuer's Board of Directors confirmed achievement of the performance criteria on February 28, 2011 and, based on that assessment, determined the number of PSUs. The PSUs vest in three equal installments on each of March 1, 2011, March 1, 2012 and March 1, 2013.

(4) On January 31, 2011, Reporting Person was awarded a number of PSUs within a preset range, with the actual number contingent upon the achievement of certain performance criteria. The Compensation Committee of the Issuer's Board of Directors confirmed achievement of the performance criteria on March 1, 2012 and, based on that assessment, determined the number of PSUs. The PSUs vest in three equal installments on each of March 1, 2012, March 1, 2013 and March 1, 2014.

(5) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's Common Stock upon vesting.

(6) The RSUs vest in three equal installments on each of March 1, 2011, March 1, 2012 and March 1, 2013.

(7) The RSUs vest in three equal installments on each of March 1, 2012, March 1, 2013 and March 1, 2014.

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