

MEYERHOFF JENS  
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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 \*  
MEYERHOFF JENS

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
FIRST SOLAR, INC. [FSLR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
President, Util. Sys. Bus.

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O FIRST SOLAR, INC., 350  
WEST WASHINGTON STREET,  
SUITE 600  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/30/2011

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

TEMPE, AZ 85281-1244

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	09/30/2011		M	(1)	2,020	A	\$ 0 21,492 D
Common Stock	09/30/2011		M	(2)	1,538	A	\$ 0 23,030 D
Common Stock	09/30/2011		M	(3)	1,962	A	\$ 0 24,992 D
Common Stock	09/30/2011		M	(4)	1,896	A	\$ 0 26,888 D
Common Stock	09/30/2011		M	(5)	10,200	A	\$ 0 37,088 D

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Common Stock      09/30/2011      F      7,320  
(6)      D      \$ 63.21      29,768      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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(7)	09/30/2011		M	2,020	(9) (9)	Common Stock	2,020
Restricted Stock Units	(7)	09/30/2011		M	1,538	(10) (10)	Common Stock	1,538
Restricted Stock Units	(7)	09/30/2011		M	1,962	(11) (11)	Common Stock	1,962
Restricted Stock Units	(8)	09/30/2011		M	1,896	(12) (12)	Common Stock	1,896
Restricted Stock Units	(8)	09/30/2011		M	10,200	(13) (13)	Common Stock	10,200

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MEYERHOFF JENS C/O FIRST SOLAR, INC. 350 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 600			President, Util. Sys. Bus.	

TEMPE, AZ 85281-1244

## Signatures

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

10/04/2011

\_\_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 accelerated vesting of certain restricted stock units granted on April 28, 2008 pursuant to the terms of the Reporting Person's Amended and Restated Employment Agreement
- (2) Represents shares of common stock issued upon accelerated vesting of certain restricted stock units granted on April 27, 2009 pursuant to the terms of the Reporting Person's Amended and Restated Employment Agreement
- (3) Represents shares of common stock issued upon accelerated vesting of certain restricted stock units granted on March 24, 2010 pursuant to the terms of the Reporting Person's Amended and Restated Employment Agreement
- (4) Represents shares of common stock issued upon accelerated vesting of certain restricted stock units granted on March 22, 2011 pursuant to the terms of the Reporting Person's Amended and Restated Employment Agreement
- (5) Represents shares of common stock issued upon vesting of the restricted stock units described in footnote 13 resulting from the achievement of certain pre-established performance metrics and in connection with the termination of the Reporting Person's employment with the Issuer.
- (6) Represents shares of common stock withheld by the Issuer to satisfy certain tax withholding obligations associated with the vesting of the restricted stock units.
- (7) 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 Amended and Restated 2006 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan.
- (8) 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.
- (9) The restricted stock units were granted on April 28, 2008 as part of the Issuer's annual equity grant to executive officers. The units were scheduled to vest annually at a rate of 20% on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date, and 40% on the fourth anniversary of the grant date. Twelve months of vesting occurred on September 30, 2011, the effective date of the Reporting Person's termination of employment with the Issuer, pursuant to the terms of the Reporting Person's Amended and Restated Employment Agreement.
- (10) The restricted stock units were granted on April 27, 2009 as part of the Issuer's annual equity grant to executive officers. The units were scheduled to vest annually at a rate of 20% on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date, and 40% on the fourth anniversary of the grant date. Twelve months of vesting occurred on September 30, 2011, the effective date of the Reporting Person's termination of employment with the Issuer, pursuant to the terms of the Reporting Person's Amended and Restated Employment Agreement.
- (11) The restricted stock units were granted on March 24, 2010 as part of the Issuer's annual equity grant to executive officers. The units were scheduled to vest annually at a rate of 20% on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date, and 40% on the fourth anniversary of the grant date. Twelve months of vesting occurred on September 30, 2011, the effective date of the Reporting Person's termination of employment with the Issuer, pursuant to the terms of the Reporting Person's Amended and Restated Employment Agreement.
- (12) The restricted stock units were granted on March 22, 2011 as part of the Issuer's annual equity grant to executive officers. The units were scheduled to vest annually at a rate of 25% on each of the four anniversaries of the grant date. Twelve months of vesting occurred on September 30, 2011, the effective date of the Reporting Person's termination of employment with the Issuer, pursuant to the terms of the Reporting Person's Amended and Restated Employment Agreement.
- (13) The restricted stock units were granted on July 1, 2010 and were scheduled to vest in tranches, each contingent upon the achievement of pre-established performance metrics over a two-year period beginning on the grant date and ending on the second anniversary of the grant date.

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