

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 [SPWRA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
09/11/2011

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, HR and Corp. Svcs.

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)
				(A) or (D) Code V	Amount		Price
Class A Common Stock	09/11/2011		M		6,250	A	\$ 0 7,788
Class A Common Stock	09/12/2011		F ⁽¹⁾		2,293	D	\$ 11.98 5,495

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. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Restricted Stock Units (RSUs)	(2)	09/11/2011		M	6,250	(3) (3)	Class A Common Stock	6,250

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Richards Douglas J. C/O SUNPOWER CORPORATION 77 RIO ROBLES SAN JOSE, CA 95134			EVP, HR and Corp. Svcs.	

Signatures

Jia Liu, as attorney-in-fact for Douglas J. Richards
 Signature: _____ Date: 09/13/2011

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) 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 RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock upon vesting.
- (3) 1/4th of the restricted stock units shall vest on each anniversary of Mr. Richards' employment start date, which was 9/11/2007, until fully vested.

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