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First Solar Hires Dennis Fitzgibbons as Vice President, Federal Affairs

TEMPE, Ariz.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Mar. 26, 2009-- First Solar, Inc. (Nasdaq: FSLR) today announced the appointment of Dennis Fitzgibbons as vice president, federal affairs. In this new position, Fitzgibbons is responsible for leading the Company's federal government affairs activities in the U.S. He will report directly to Mike Ahearn, First Solar chief executive officer.

"We are pleased that Dennis has joined the First Solar team. He has a wealth of experience in dealing with climate change and renewable energy issues that impact the Company, and his efforts will support our mission of providing clean, affordable solar electricity," said Ahearn.

Most recently, Fitzgibbons served as chief of staff for the Committee on Energy and Commerce in the U.S. House of Representatives. In this position he has participated in major legislative policy debates and development relating to energy. Prior to this role, Fitzgibbons served as director of public policy for Daimler Chrysler. There he was responsible for developing, coordinating, implementing and communicating the company's positions on major public policy issues, ensuring consistency across major markets and aligning positions within business strategies.

Fitzgibbons earned a Bachelor of Arts from Harvard College.

About First Solar

First Solar, Inc. (Nasdaq: FSLR) manufactures solar modules with an advanced semiconductor technology and provides comprehensive PV solutions that significantly reduce solar electricity costs. By enabling clean, renewable electricity at competitive prices, First Solar provides an economic and environmentally responsible alternative to existing peaking fossil-fuel electric generation. First Solar PV power plants operate with no water, air emissions or waste stream. First Solar set the benchmark for environmentally responsible product life cycle management by introducing the industry's first comprehensive collection and recycling program for solar modules. From raw material sourcing through end-of-life collection and recycling, First Solar is focused on creating cost-effective renewable energy solutions that protect and enhance the environment. For more information about First Solar, please visit www.firstsolar.com, or www.firstsolar.com/media to download photos.

For First Solar Investors

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