

Kelley Stephen Douglas
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Kelley Stephen Douglas

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O CREE, INC., 4600 SILICON DRIVE
 (Street)

DURHAM, NC 27703

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CREE INC [CREE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/01/2011

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)
 EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, COO

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 (D) Price | | | |
| COMMON STOCK | 09/01/2011 | | F ⁽¹⁾ | 2,077 D \$ 32.43 | 24,153 | D | |
| COMMON STOCK | 09/01/2011 | | A ⁽²⁾ | 6,000 A \$ 0 | 30,153 | 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 Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|--|---|---|-----------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY) | \$ 30.92 | 09/01/2011 | | A | 35,000 | 09/01/2012 ⁽³⁾ | 09/01/2018 | COMMON STOCK |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Kelley Stephen Douglas C/O CREE, INC. 4600 SILICON DRIVE DURHAM, NC 27703 | | | EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, COO | |

Signatures

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Stephan D. Kelley | 09/06/2011 |
| **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) Disposition of shares back to the company to satisfy withholding obligations related to restricted stock vesting September 1, 2011.
- (2) Restricted stock award vesting in four equal annual installments commencing September 1, 2012.
- (3) Option vests as to 11,667 shares on each of September 1, 2012 and September 1, 2013 and as to 11,666 shares on September 1, 2014.

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