Castillo Daniel J Form 4 September 06, 2017

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Castillo Daniel J Issuer Symbol CREE INC [CREE] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify C/O CREE INC., 4600 SILICON 09/01/2017 below) below) DRIVE **EVP Cree & President-Lighting** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting DURHAM, NC 27703 Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (D) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount (D) Price **COMMON** 09/01/2017 $A^{(1)}$ 20,687 A \$0 113,252 D **STOCK**

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)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Castillo Daniel J C/O CREE INC. 4600 SILICON DRIVE DURHAM, NC 27703

EVP Cree & President-Lighting

Signatures

Bradley D. Kohn as agent for Daniel J. Castillo

09/06/2017

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) Award of restricted stock units vesting in four equal annual installments commencing September 1, 2018.

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