Kelley Stephen Douglas Form 4 January 25, 2010

#### FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Kelley Stephen Douglas		g Person *	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol CREE INC [CREE]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last) (	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an appreadic)		
C/O CREE, INC DRIVE	., 4600 SIL	LICON	(Month/Day/Year) 01/21/2010	Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, COO		
(	Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
DURHAM, NC 27703			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City) (	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acc	quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned		

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-D	erivative S	ecuri	ties Acquire	d, Disposed of, o	r Beneficially	<b>Owned</b>
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit onor Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010		M	26,667	A	\$ 22.9	51,807	D	
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010		S <u>(1)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 62.05	50,807	D	
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010		S(1)	1,000	D	\$ 62.1	49,807	D	
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010		S(1)	600	D	\$ 62.24	49,207	D	
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010		S <u>(1)</u>	2,400	D	\$ 62.25	46,807	D	

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COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010	S <u>(1)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 62.26	45,807	D
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010	S <u>(1)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 62.27	44,807	D
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010	S <u>(1)</u>	2,000	D	\$ 62.33	42,807	D
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010	S <u>(1)</u>	3,437	D	\$ 62.35	39,370	D
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010	S <u>(1)</u>	2,000	D	\$ 62.36	37,370	D
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010	S <u>(1)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 62.3994	36,370	D
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010	S <u>(1)</u>	3,000	D	\$ 62.4	33,370	D
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010	S <u>(1)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 62.401	32,370	D
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010	S <u>(1)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 62.42	31,370	D
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010	S <u>(1)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 62.4239	30,370	D
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010	S <u>(1)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 62.45	29,370	D
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010	S <u>(1)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 62.4514	28,370	D
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010	S <u>(1)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 62.4588	27,370	D
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010	S <u>(1)</u>	230	D	\$ 62.4913	27,140	D
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010	S <u>(1)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 62.5016	26,140	D
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010	S(1)	1,000	D	\$ 62.5025	25,140	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)

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2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	<ol><li>Date Exercisals</li></ol>	ole and	7. Title ar
Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transact	iorDerivative	Expiration Date		Underlyir
or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year	r)	(Instr. 3 a
Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A)			
Derivative				or Disposed of	f		
Security				(D)			
				(Instr. 3, 4,			
				and 5)			
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
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**NONQUALIFIED** STOCK OPTION

(RIGHT TO BUY)

\$ 22.9 01/21/2010 M

26,667 09/02/2009(2) 09/02/2015

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## **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Other Director 10% Owner Officer

Kelley Stephen Douglas C/O CREE, INC. 4600 SILICON DRIVE DURHAM, NC 27703

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, COO

#### **Signatures**

Stephen D. 01/22/2010 Kelley

\*\*Signature of Date 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) The sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by Mr. Kelley on December 4, 2009.
- (2) Option vests as to 26,667 shares on September 2, 2009 and September 2, 2010 and as to 26,666 shares on September 2, 2011.

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