

DYKES JAMES E  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><b>DYKES, JAMES E.</b><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><b>13365 NE 226TH AVENUE</b><br>(Street)<br><b>FT. MCCOY, FL 32134</b><br>(City) (State) (Zip) |                                      |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><b>CREE, INC. ("CREE")</b> |   |   | 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director —<br><input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner —<br><input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) —<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) |                 |   |  |                                   |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|---|---|---|--|-----------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)   |                                      |  | 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year<br><b>04/21/2003</b>                      |   |   | 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person   |                 |   |  |                                   |
| <b>Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>   |                                      |  |   |   |   |  |                 |   |  |                                   |
| 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 & 5) |  |                 | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 & 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|   |                                      |  | Code  | V | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price           |   |  |                                   |
| <b>COMMON STOCK</b>   | <b>04/21/03</b>                      |  | <b>M</b>  |   | <b>48,000</b>   | <b>A</b>   | <b>\$3.9375</b> | <b>56,000</b>   | <b>D</b>   |                                   |
| <b>COMMON STOCK</b>   | <b>04/21/03</b>                      |  | <b>M</b>  |   | <b>48,000</b>   | <b>A</b>   | <b>\$3.5950</b> | <b>104,000</b>  | <b>D</b>   |                                   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.  
\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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**FORM 4 (continued) 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 | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned | 10. Ownership Form of Deriv- |
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|  | Security | Day/<br>Year | (Month/<br>Day/<br>Year) | (Instr.<br>8) | (A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D) |        |                |                      | Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | ative<br>Security:<br>Direct<br>(D)<br>or<br>Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) |  |        |   |
|--|----------|--------------|--------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|--------|----------------|----------------------|---|--|--|--------|---|
|  |          |              |                          |               | (Instr. 3, 4<br>& 5)         |        |                |                      |   |  |  |        |   |
|  |          |              |                          | Code          | V                            | (A)    | (D)            | Date<br>Exer-cisable | Expira-<br>tion<br>Date                               | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |        |   |
| NONQUALIFIED<br>STOCK OPTION<br>(RIGHT TO<br>PURCHASE) | \$3.9375 | 04/21/03     |                          | M             |                              | 48,000 | <sup>(1)</sup> | 7/1/06               |   | COMMON<br>STOCK  | 48,000                                 | \$0.00 | 0 |
| NONQUALIFIED<br>STOCK OPTION<br>(RIGHT TO<br>PURCHASE) | \$3.595  | 04/21/03     |                          | M             |                              | 48,000 |                | 9/17/97              | 9/17/06   | COMMON<br>STOCK  | 48,000                                 | \$0.00 | 0 |

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Option vested and became exercisable as to 12,000 shares on each of 9/30/96, 12/31/96, 3/31/97 and 6/30/97.

By: /s/ **Adam H. Broome** **4/23/03**  
**Attorney-in-Fact for James E. Dykes** Date  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

\*\*Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.  
 See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, the person whose signature appears below, hereby appoint Adam H. Broome, Secretary of Cree, Inc., Tamara Cappelson, Stock Plan Administrator of the Company, and each of them individually, as my attorney-in-fact, to exercise the power and authority:

- \* to execute and file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on my behalf, pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder, Statements of Changes in Beneficial Ownership and Annual Statements of Changes in Beneficial Ownership on Form 5, and any amendments of Forms 5 filed by or for me, with respect to my service as a director and/or officer of the Company and transactions in Company securities of which I may be deemed the beneficial owner;
- \* to do and perform on my behalf any and all other acts necessary or desirable to complete, execute, file, and exchange or similar authority, including but not limited to the power to designate any person to be an additional or substitute attorney-in-fact under this Power of Attorney, and to take any other action in connection with which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of the Company, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on my behalf pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as the attorney-in-fact may determine in his or her discretion.

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The authority granted under this Power of Attorney shall continue in effect for each attorney-in-fact. I am no longer required to file Forms 4 and 5 with respect to my holdings of and transactions in the Company unless earlier revoked in a writing signed by me and delivered to such attorney-in-fact. I acknowledge that the Company and its attorneys-in-fact nor the Company are assuming any of my responsibilities to comply with Section 17(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this Power of Attorney on the date shown below.

/s/ James E. Dykes

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Signature

James E. Dykes

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Typed or Printed Name

August 30, 2002

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Date Signed