FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Moyer James C                                                                                     |                                                                       |                       |      |                            |                 |                                                             | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MONOLITHIC POWER SYSTEMS INC [ MPWR ] |                                   |                   |      |                                 |                                                                                                   |                                        |     |                                                                              | plicable)<br>ctor                                                                                                                             | porting Person(s) to Issuer  10% Owner title Other (specify |                                                                     | % Owner                                                           |  |  |
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| (Last) (First) (Middle)<br>6409 GUADALUPE MINES ROAD                                                                                        |                                                                       |                       |      |                            |                 | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/19/2008 |                                                                                   |                                   |                   |      |                                 |                                                                                                   |                                        |     | X Officer (give title Other (spec<br>below) below)  Chief IC Design Engineer |                                                                                                                                               |                                                             |                                                                     |                                                                   |  |  |
| (Street) SAN JOSE CA 95120  (City) (State) (Zip)  Table I - Non-Deriva  1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Yei |                                                                       |                       |      |                            | 4. If <i>i</i>  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)    |                                                                                   |                                   |                   |      |                                 |                                                                                                   |                                        |     |                                                                              | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicabline)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person |                                                             |                                                                     |                                                                   |  |  |
|                                                                                                                                             |                                                                       |                       |      |                            | 2/<br>Exear) if | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any                     |                                                                                   | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr. |                   |      | 4. Securities                   | of, or Benefi<br>es Acquired (A) o<br>Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4                                         |                                        |     | 5. Amou<br>Securitie<br>Benefici<br>Owned<br>Followir                        | nt of<br>es<br>ally                                                                                                                           | Form:<br>(D) or<br>Indire                                   | 5. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>D) or<br>ndirect (I)<br>Instr. 4)   | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |  |
|                                                                                                                                             |                                                                       |                       |      |                            |                 |                                                             |                                                                                   | Code                              |                   | v    | Amount                          | (A) or (D)                                                                                        |                                        |     | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                               |                                                                                                                                               | (                                                           |                                                                     | 4,                                                                |  |  |
| Common                                                                                                                                      | Stock                                                                 |                       |      | 09/19/200                  | 8               |                                                             |                                                                                   | S <sup>(1)</sup>                  |                   |      | 100                             | D                                                                                                 | \$19.                                  | .52 | 498                                                                          | ,364                                                                                                                                          |                                                             | I                                                                   | by Moyer<br>FamilyTrust                                           |  |  |
| Common                                                                                                                                      | Stock                                                                 |                       |      | 09/19/200                  | 8               |                                                             |                                                                                   | S <sup>(1)</sup>                  |                   |      | 133                             | D                                                                                                 | \$19.                                  | .55 | 498                                                                          | ,231                                                                                                                                          |                                                             | I                                                                   | by Moyer<br>FamilyTrust                                           |  |  |
| Common                                                                                                                                      | Stock                                                                 |                       |      | 09/19/200                  | 8               |                                                             |                                                                                   | S <sup>(1)</sup>                  |                   |      | 100                             | D                                                                                                 | \$19.                                  | .53 | 498                                                                          | ,131                                                                                                                                          |                                                             | I                                                                   | by Moyer<br>FamilyTrust                                           |  |  |
| Common                                                                                                                                      | Stock                                                                 |                       |      | 09/19/200                  | 8               |                                                             |                                                                                   | S <sup>(1)</sup>                  |                   |      | 167                             | D                                                                                                 | \$19.                                  | .51 | 497                                                                          | ,964                                                                                                                                          |                                                             | I                                                                   | by Moyer<br>FamilyTrust                                           |  |  |
| Common                                                                                                                                      | Stock                                                                 |                       |      | 09/19/200                  | 8               |                                                             |                                                                                   | S <sup>(1)</sup>                  |                   |      | 200                             | D                                                                                                 | \$19.                                  | .99 | 497                                                                          | ,764                                                                                                                                          |                                                             | I                                                                   | by Moyer<br>FamilyTrust                                           |  |  |
| Common                                                                                                                                      | Stock                                                                 |                       |      | 09/19/200                  | 8               |                                                             |                                                                                   | S <sup>(1)</sup>                  |                   |      | 300                             | D                                                                                                 | \$19.                                  | .92 | 497                                                                          | ,464                                                                                                                                          |                                                             | I                                                                   | by Moyer<br>FamilyTrust                                           |  |  |
| Common                                                                                                                                      | Stock                                                                 |                       |      | 09/19/200                  | 8               |                                                             |                                                                                   | S <sup>(1)</sup>                  |                   |      | 250                             | D                                                                                                 | \$19.                                  | .89 | 497                                                                          | ,214                                                                                                                                          |                                                             | I                                                                   | by Moyer<br>FamilyTrust                                           |  |  |
| Common                                                                                                                                      | Stock                                                                 |                       |      |                            |                 |                                                             |                                                                                   |                                   |                   |      |                                 |                                                                                                   |                                        |     |                                                                              | ,569                                                                                                                                          |                                                             | D                                                                   |                                                                   |  |  |
|                                                                                                                                             |                                                                       |                       | able | II - Derivati<br>(e.g., pu |                 |                                                             |                                                                                   |                                   |                   |      | convertib                       |                                                                                                   |                                        |     | Owned                                                                        | :<br>                                                                                                                                         |                                                             |                                                                     |                                                                   |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                                                                                         | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | Date (Month/Day/Year) | Exe  |                            | Code (          | Transaction<br>Code (Instr.                                 |                                                                                   | Exp                               | pirat             | tion | rcisable and<br>Date<br>//Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Inst<br>3 and 4) |                                        |     | 8. Price<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)                       | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)                                            |                                                             | 10.<br>Owners<br>Form:<br>Direct (I<br>or Indir<br>(I) (Instr<br>4) | ect (Instr. 4)                                                    |  |  |
|                                                                                                                                             |                                                                       |                       |      |                            | Code            | v                                                           | (A) (I                                                                            |                                   | Date<br>Exercisal |      | Expiration<br>Date              | Title                                                                                             | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |     |                                                                              |                                                                                                                                               |                                                             |                                                                     |                                                                   |  |  |

## Explanation of Responses:

1. In accordance with the reporting person's 10b5-1 trading plan.

By: Saria Tseng For: James Moyer

09/19/2008

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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