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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name ar Rao M (Last)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MONOLITHIC POWER SYSTEMS INC [MPWR] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)										Direct X Office below	plicable) ctor er (give title w)		Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify below)					
6409 GUADALUPE MINES ROAD						02/25/2010 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Individual one)	of Finance, Corp Controller or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable in filed by One Reporting Person in filed by More than One Reporting son			
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Explanation of Responses:

1. Subject to accelerated vesting in certain circumstances, 25% of the Performance Units are subject to vest on the 12-month anniversary of the Vesting Commencement Date and 25% of the Performance Units are subject to vest on each of the next 3 yearly anniversaries of the Vesting Commencement Date, provided that the Grantee continues to be a Service Provider from the Grant Date through each applicable vesting date.

By: Saria Tseng For: Meera <u>02/25/2010</u>

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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).
- ** 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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