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

1. Name an	MOI	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  MONOLITHIC POWER SYSTEMS INC  [ MPWR ]									heck all ap Dire	plicable) ctor		Owner					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 6409 GUADALUPE MINES ROAD						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/25/2010									belo	Officer (give title below)  VP of Finance, Co		Other (specify below)  orp Controller	
(Street) SAN JOS (City)			5120 Zip)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 02/25/2010									ne) X Forr Forr	idual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/					y/Year)	Execution Date,						rities Acquired ( ed Of (D) (Instr. 3			Secu	ficially d	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
									Code	v	Amount		A) or D)	Price	Repo Trans		(msu. 4)	(msu. 4)	
Common Stock 02/25/2						010			A		30,000(1)		A	\$(	0 3	80,000	D		
	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)	erivative Conversion Date Exec ecurity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any			emed tion Date, n/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr 3 and 4)		ount	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership	
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## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Subject to accelerated vesting in certain circumstances, 25% of the Performance Units shall vest on the 12-month anniversary of the Vesting Commencement Date, and 1/16 of the Performance Units shall vest quarterly thereafter, provided that the Grantee continues to be a Service Provider from the Grant Date through each applicable vesting date.

> By: Saria Tseng For: Meera Rao

04/06/2010

\*\* 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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