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*     Sciammas Maurice                       |       |    |   |                            | M   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MONOLITHIC POWER SYSTEMS INC [ MPWR ]      |   |        |       |                                    |   |                              |                          |   |   | ationship of Reporti<br>k all applicable)<br>Director<br>Officer (give title  |   | 10% (  |  | Issuer Owner (specify                |
|--|-------|----|---|----------------------------|---|--|---|--------|-------|------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| (Last) (First) (Middle)<br>6409 GUADALUPE MINES ROAD                             |       |    |   |                            | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/12/2010 |  |   |        |       |                                    |   |                              |                          |   | belo  | w)  | below<br>es and Marketi   |  | )  |                                      |
| (Street) SAN JOS (City)  |       |    | 512<br>(ip)                             | 20                         | 4. 1  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                               |   |        |       |                                    |   |                              |                          |   |   | ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable e)  X 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 |       |    |   |                            |   |  |   |        |       |                                    |   |                              |                          |   |   |   |   |  |  |                                      |
| Date   |       |    | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Ye | ear)                       | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |  | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |        |       | 4. Securities<br>Disposed Of<br>5) |   | l and Secur<br>Benef<br>Owne |                          | cially                                    | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)  |   | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership                                  |  |  |                                      |
|  |       |    |   |                            |   |  |   |        | С     | ode                                | v   | Amount                       | (A) or<br>(D)            |   |   | Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)  |   | (Instr. 4)   |  | (Instr. 4)                           |
| Common   | Stock |    |   | 08/12/201                  | 0   |  |   |        |       | S <sup>(1)</sup>                   |   | 946                          | D                        | \$17.3                                    | 3119  | 78  | 3,910   |  | D  |                                      |
| Common   | Stock |    |   |                            |   |  |   |        |       |                                    |   |                              |                          |   |   | 9:  | 5,934   |  | I  | by<br>Family<br>Trust <sup>(2)</sup> |
| Common Stock   |       |    |   |                            |   |  |   |        |       |                                    |   |                              |                          |   | 24  | 4,671   |   | I  | byC<br>Sciammas<br>04<br>TRST <sup>(3)</sup> |                                      |
| Common Stock   |       |    |   |                            |   |  |   |        |       |                                    |   |                              |                          |   | 24  | 4,671   |   | I  | byM<br>Sciammas<br>04 Trst <sup>(4)</sup>    |                                      |
|  |       | Та | ble                                     | II - Derivati<br>(e.g., pu |   |  |   |        | •     |                                    |   | osed of, convertib           |                          |   | •   | wned  |   |  |  |                                      |
| 1. Title of 2. 3. Transaction 3A. Deemed Execution Date,                         |       |    | 4.<br>Trans                             |                            | 50n Cor. E  | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |   | 6. Dat | e Exe | rcisable and                       | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Inst<br>3 and 4) |                              | 8. F<br>of<br>Der<br>Sec | Price<br>erivative<br>ecurity<br>nstr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | y   | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr.<br>4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |                                      |
|  |       |    |   |                            | Code  | , v  | , (                                     | (A) (D | ))    | Date<br>Exercisable                |   | Expiration<br>Date           | Title                    | Amour<br>or<br>Numbe<br>of<br>Shares      | er  |   |   |  |  |                                      |

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Shares sold to pay tax obligations resulting from the vesting of restricted stock units.
- 2. Shares held by Sciammas Family Living Trust, Maurice Sciammas and Christina Sciammas, Trustees
- 3. Shares held by Christina Sciammas 2004 Trust, Christina Sciammas and Maurice Sciammas, Trustees
- 4. Shares held by Maurice Sciammas 2004 Trust, Maurice Sciammas and Christina Sciammas, Trustees

By: Rick Neely For: Maurice Sciammas 08/13/2010

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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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