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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Ueuten Paul</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) 6409 GUADALUPE MINES ROAD <hr/> (Street) SAN JOSE CA 95120 <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MONOLITHIC POWER SYSTEMS INC</u> [MPWR] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Sr. V.P. Design Engineering</u> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/14/2012</u> | |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 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 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2012 | | A | | 23,955 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$0.0 | 144,208 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 153,556 | I | Ueuten Trust I |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 113,900 | I | Ueuten Trust II |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 26,000 | I | Ueuten Trust III |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 26,000 | I | Ueuten Trust IV |

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 Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. 1/8 of the Restricted Stock Units shall vest quarterly following the Vesting Commencement Date, provided that the Grantee continues to be a Service Provider from the Grant Date through each applicable vesting date. Additionally, 23,954 shares of Restricted Stock Units were granted and shall be subject to satisfaction of performance-based vesting criteria based on achievement of certain long term Company performance targets, as determined by the Compensation Committee of the Company, and additional time vesting subsequent to the achievement of those performance targets, provided that the Grantee continues to be a Service Provider from the grant date through each applicable vesting date.

By: Saria Tseng For: Paul Ueuten 02/16/2012

** 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).

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