FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Ueunten Paul</u> | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MONOLITHIC POWER SYSTEMS INC [MPWR] | | | | | | | | | k all app Dired | olicable) etor | 10% (| erson(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify | |
|--|---|--|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------|--|--------|--|---|-----------------------------------|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 6409 GUADALUPE MINES ROAD | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/02/2012 | | | | | | | | | belo | Officer (give title Other (sp below) below) Sr. V.P. Design Engineering | |) | |
| (Street) SAN JOS (City) | | | 5120 | | 4. If <i>F</i> | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Ind Line) | vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | son | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transacti Date (Month/Day | | | on 2A. D Execu | | Deemed cution Date, | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. | | 4. Securities Acquired (Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 5) | | A) or 5. A s, 4 and Sec Ber Owi | | Amount of curities neficially ned | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) (D) | or Pr | ice | | | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) | | |
| Common | Stock | | | 05/02/20 | 012 | | | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 959 | D | \$ | 21.002 | 1- | 43,249 | D | | |
| Common | Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1: | 53,556 | I | Ueunten Trust I | |
| Common | Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 13,900 | I | Ueunten Trust II | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | 6,000 | I | Ueunten Trust III | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | 6,000 | I | Ueunten 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) | Execu | eemed ution Date, th/Day/Year) | 4. Transa Code (I 8) | | of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) o Disp of (D | r osed) r. 3, 4 | 6. Date Expirati (Month/ | on Da | (ear) | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) Amoun or Numbe | | of De Se (Ir (Ir | Price erivative curity str. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Shares sold to pay tax obligations resulting from the vesting of restricted stock units.

By: Meera Rao For: Paul <u>Ueunten</u> <u>05/02/2012</u>

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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