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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 and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Rao Meera</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>6409 GUADALUPE MINES ROAD</u> (Street) <u>SAN JOSE CA 95120</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MONOLITHIC POWER SYSTEMS INC</u> <u>[MPWR]</u> 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>04/30/2012</u> 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>CFO</u> 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	04/30/2012		M ⁽¹⁾		11,400	A	\$13.53	113,908	D	
Common Stock	04/30/2012		S ⁽¹⁾		11,400	D	\$21.0122 ⁽²⁾	102,508	D	
Common Stock	05/01/2012		M ⁽¹⁾		17,100	A	\$13.53	119,608	D	
Common Stock	05/01/2012		S ⁽¹⁾		17,100	D	\$21.9544 ⁽³⁾	102,508	D	
Common Stock	05/02/2012		S ⁽⁴⁾		1,379	D	\$21.002	101,129	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)	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)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$13.53	04/30/2012		M ⁽¹⁾			11,400	01/05/2010	01/05/2016	Common Stock	11,400	\$0.0	55,600	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$13.53	05/01/2012		M ⁽¹⁾			17,100	01/05/2010	01/05/2016	Common Stock	17,100	\$21.9544	38,500	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- In accordance with the reporting person's 10b5-1 trading plan.
- The price is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The prices for the transactions reported on this line range from \$21.00 to \$21.05. The reporting person undertakes to provide, upon request by the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- The price is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The prices for the transactions reported on this line range from \$21.52 to \$22.36. The reporting person undertakes to provide, upon request by the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- Shares sold to pay tax obligations resulting from the vesting of restricted stock units.

Meera Rao05/02/2012

** 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).

** 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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