FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Tseng Saria						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MONOLITHIC POWER SYSTEMS INC [ MPWR ]									ionship of Reporting all applicable) Director Officer (give title		10%	Issuer Owner (specify
(Last) (First) (Middle) 79 GREAT OAKS BLVD						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/08/2012								A		vP & General Counsel		)
(Street) SAN JOS (City)		CA 95119 (State) (Zip)				4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									dual 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/Ye					Year) if	Execution Date,			3. 4. Securitie Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 5)					and Secui		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		(	(
Common Stock 11/08/201						.2			S <sup>(1)</sup>		1,513	D	\$18.8	8.8598		87,802	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)	Exec if an	•		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		rative rities ired r osed ) :. 3, 4	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			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 (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: Saria
Tseng

11/09/2012

\*\* 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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