## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> Xiao Deming					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MONOLITHIC POWER SYSTEMS INC</u> [MPWR]										ieck all ap Dire	plicable) ctor		Owner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 79 GREAT OAKS BLVD					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/13/2012									X belo	,	Othe belo Asia Operati	'		
(Street) SAN JOS (City)	SAN JOSE CA 95119				4. If A	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Lin	e) X Form Form				
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)		Transaction Dispo			urities Acquired ( sed Of (D) (Instr. 3			Secur	ficially d	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
								Code	v	Amount	(A (D	) or ) F	rice	Repo Trans		(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock 12/13/2					012	012			<b>S</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		140		D	\$21.9	91	9,861	Ι	by Spouse	
Common Stock															1	119,300			
	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 Derivative Security		3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execu if any	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 Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea		Amou Secur Under Deriva Secur	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) Amour or Numbe		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Beneficial	Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title	of Shar						

Explanation of Responses:

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

By: Saria Tseng For: Deming 12/14/2012 Xiao

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

 $^{\ast}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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