### FORM 4

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> <u>SMITH- PILKINGTON KAREN A</u>						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MONOLITHIC POWER SYSTEMS INC. [MPWR]							5. Relationship of Reportin (Check all applicable) X Director Officer (give title		ig Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 79 GREAT OAKS BLVD						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/28/2013							below			below)		
(Street) SAN JOSE CA 95119 (City) (State) (Zip)			4. If A	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							<ul> <li>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</li> <li>X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</li> </ul>							
Table I - Non-Deriva           1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)         2. Transacti Date (Month/Day					ction	Execution Date,			3. Transactio Code (Inst	4. Secu n Dispos	urities Acquired (A) o sed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4		or 5. Amount of		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
					Code V				Amour	nt (A) c (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(inst	r. 4)	(Instr. 4)		
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)		Conversion Date Execution Da or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any Price of Derivative		on Date,	Code (In				6. Date Exercisable a Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	ly I	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Number of Shares	1					
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$16.2	02/28/2013			A		1,411 <sup>(1)</sup>		12/28/2012	05/24/201	4 Common Stock	1,411	\$16.2	1,411		D		
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$19.29	02/28/2013			A		1,176 <sup>(1)</sup>		12/28/2012	02/09/201	7 Common Stock	1,176	\$19.29	1,176		D		
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$22.01	02/28/2013			A		705 <sup>(1)</sup>		12/28/2012	05/22/201	5 Common Stock	705	\$22.01	705		D		

#### Explanation of Responses:

1. Equitable stock dividend adjustment approved by the Board of Director as a result of dividend Payment to shareholders on December 28, 2012. Stock will vest according to the same vesting schedule as the original grants.

# By: Saria Tseng For: Karen 03/04/2013

\*\* 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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