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 Xiao Deming | | | | | MO | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MONOLITHIC POWER SYSTEMS INC [MPWR] | | | | | | | | 5. Rela (Check | Owner | | | |
|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|---------------------|--|----------|--------------------|---|--------------------------------------|------------------------|---|---|--|-------------------------|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 79 GREAT OAKS BLVD | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/05/2013 | | | | | | | | X | belov | , | belov Asia Operatio | , | | |
| (Street) SAN JOS | , | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | ′ I | 6. Indiv Line) X | ividual or Joint/Group Filing (Cher Form filed by One Reporting F Form filed by More than One F | | | erson |
| (City) | (Sta | ate) (Z | Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | Pers | on | | |
| | | Tabl | e I - N | Non-Deriv | ative | Secu | ırities A | cquir | ed, | Dis | sposed of | f, or B | enefic | ially | Owne | ed | | |
| Date | | | 2. Transactio Date (Month/Day/Y | ear) E | any | emed ion Date, /Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5) | | | 4 and Sec Ben Owr | | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | |
| | | | | | | | | Code | · v | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (111511 . 4) | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock 04/05/20 | | | | .3 | | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | | 101 | D | \$22. | 2892 | 12,587 | | I | by Spouse | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1: | 55,392 | D | | |
| | | Та | ble II | l - Derivati (e.g., pu | | | | | | | osed of, c | | | | wned | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | Execu if any | | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivativ Securitie Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, and 5) | Exp e (Mo s | Expiration I (Month/Day/ | | ate | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Inst 3 and 4) | | Sec (Ins | vative Sourity B tr. 5) For R | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | | ble | Expiration Date | Title | Amoun or Numbe of Shares | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

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

By: Saria Tseng For: Deming Xiao

** Signature of Reporting Person

04/08/2013

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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