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*  Zhou Jeff          |   |  |              |  |       | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  MONOLITHIC POWER SYSTEMS INC  [ MPWR ] |        |  |                                 |                     |  |                        |   |                            | S. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director 10% Owner  |   |   |  |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 79 GREAT OAKS BLVD                |   |  |              |  |       | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/11/2014                         |        |  |                                 |                     |  |                        |   |                            |   | Offic<br>belo   | er (give title<br>w)  | Other<br>below   | (specify<br>)  |
| (Street) SAN JOSE CA 95119                                |   |  |              |  |       | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                            |        |  |                                 |                     |  |                        |   |                            | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting |   |   |  |  |
| (City)  | (S  | ·  | (Zip)        |  |       |   |        |  |                                 |                     |  |                        |   | Person                     |   |   |   |  |  |
|   |   | Tab  | le I         | - Non-Deriv                                    | vativ | /e Se   | cui    | ritie  | s A                             | cquire              | ed, [  | Disposed               | of, or E  | Benefi                     | cially  | Own   | ed  |  |  |
| Date  |   |  |              | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Ye        | ear)  | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year)                         |        |  | 3.<br>Transac<br>Code (In<br>8) |                     | 4. Securities Acquired (A) o<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 |                        |   | and 5) Secu<br>Bene<br>Own |   |   | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)  | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership                  |  |
|   |   |  |              |  |       |   |        |  |                                 | Code                | v  | Amount                 | (A) or<br>(D)   | Price                      |   | Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |   | (Instr. 4)   | (Instr. 4)   |
| Common Stock  |   |  |              | 02/11/2014                                     |       |   |        |  |                                 | M                   |  | 8,000                  | A   | \$19.                      | .29(1)  |   | 19,289  | D  |  |
| Common Stock  |   |  |              | 02/11/2014                                     |       |   |        |  |                                 | S                   |  | 8,000                  | D   | \$34.2                     | 2577(2)   |   | 11,289  | D  |  |
| Common Stock  |   |  |              | 02/11/201                                      | 4     |   |        |  | A                               |                     | 3,493(3)   | A                      | \$(   | 0.0                        |   | 14,782  | D   |  |  |
| Common Stock  |   |  |              | 02/12/201                                      | 4     |   |        |  | M                               |                     | 8,000  | A                      | \$19.   | 29(1)                      |   | 22,782  | D   |  |  |
| Common Stock  |   |  |              | 02/12/201                                      | 014   |   |        |  |                                 | S                   |  | 8,000                  | D   | \$3                        | 34.7  |   | 14,782  | D  |  |
|   |   | Ta   | able         | e II - Deriva                                  |       |   |        |  |                                 |                     |  | posed of<br>, converti |   |                            |   | vned  |   |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)       | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Exe<br>if ar | Deemed<br>cution Date,<br>ny<br>enth/Day/Year) |       | ransaction<br>ode (Instr.   |        | 5.<br>Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4 and 5) |                                 | s<br>I              |  | ate                    | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr. :<br>and 4) |                            | Secu<br>(Inst   |   | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 4) | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr.<br>4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|   |   |  |              |  | Code  | ode V   |        | (A) (D)  |                                 | Date<br>Exercisable |  | Expiration<br>Date     | Ame<br>or<br>Nun<br>of<br>Title Sha   |                            | er  |   |   |  |  |
| Non-<br>Qualified<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$20.2 <sup>(1)</sup>   | 02/11/2014                                 |              |  | М     | 1   |        | 8  | ,000                            | 02/02/2             | 2011   | 02/09/2017             | Common<br>Stock   | 8,00                       | 0 \$  | 0.0   | 27,000  | D  |  |
| Non-<br>Qualified<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$20.2 <sup>(1)</sup>   | 02/12/2014                                 |              |  | М     | ı   |        | 8  | ,000                            | 02/02/2             | 2011   | 02/09/2017             | Common<br>Stock   | 8,00                       | 0 \$  | 0.0   | 19,000  | D  |  |

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. On December 11, 2012, the Company's Board declared a special cash dividend of \$1.00 per common share, which was paid on December 28, 2012 to all shareholders of record as of the close of business on December 21, 2012. The Board approved a modification whereby each outstanding option as of December 28, 2012 was increased by a ratio of 1.0471 with a corresponding reduction in the exercise price.
- 2. 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 \$34.18 to \$34.365. 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.
- 3. According to the Company's 2004 Equity Incentive Plan and the Board Compensation Schedule as adopted by the Board on February 4, 2014, each Outside Director will be automatically granted Restricted Stock Units as of such date, if he or she will have served on the Board for at least the preceding six (6) months, with such grant to be effective as of the first day that the Company's trading window re-opens (or as of the date of the meeting of the Board or Compensation Committee, as applicable, if the Company's trading window is open on such date), subject to the Outside Director's continued service to the Board through such date. 100% of the restricted stock units shall vest on the first anniversary of the Vesting Commencement Date.

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

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