FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person Xiao Deming | | | | | MC | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MONOLITHIC POWER SYSTEMS INC [MPWR] | | | | | | | | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director | | | | | |
|--|---|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------|---|-----|---------------------------|-------------------------|---|--|---|---|---|---|-----------------------------|---|-------------------------|--|
| (Last) | Last) (First) (Middle) | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/03/2015 | | | | | | | | below) | Officer (give title below) Pres. of MPS Asia Op | | | Other (specify below) | |
| (Street) SAN JOS (City) | | A ate) | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable le) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | |
| 1 Title of 9 | Socurity (Inc | | ole I - | Non-Deriv | | | | | quired | , Dis | <u>. </u> | | | ly Owned | | 6.04 | vnership | 7. Nature | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | | Date (Month/Day | Year) | Execution Date, | | | Transac Code (II 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5) | | | d Securit Benefic Owned | Securities Beneficially Owned | | n: Direct r ect (I) | of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) | | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common | Stock | | | 02/03/20 | 15(1) | | | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 43,200(1) | A | \$0.0 | 28: | 5,512 | | D | | |
| Common | Stock | | | 02/17/20 | 015 | | | | J ⁽²⁾ | | 474 | A | \$37.45 | 51 25 | 8,375 | | D | | |
| Common | Stock | | | 02/03/20 |)15 | | | | A | | 569(3) | A | \$0.0 | 2, | ,148 | | I | by Spouse | |
| Common | Stock | | | 03/16/20 | 015 | | | | S ⁽⁴⁾ | | 9 | D | \$53.1 | 6 2, | ,139 | | I | by Spouse | |
| Common Stock | | 03/16/2015 | | | | S ⁽⁴⁾ | | 166 | D | \$53.1 | 6 1, | 1,973 | | I | by Spouse | | | | |
| Common Stock 03/16/2 | | | 03/16/20 |)15 | | | | S ⁽⁴⁾ | | 84 | D | \$53.1 | 1,889 | | I | | by Spouse | | |
| | | | Та | ble II - Deri (e.g. | | | | | | | osed of, or onvertible | | | wned | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | Exection (| 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | 4. Transactio Code (Inst 8) | | | | ation | rcisable and Date //Year) | Amount Securitie Underly Derivativ | of es ing | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Numb derivativ Securitie Beneficia Owned Followin Reported | ve es ally ng d | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | .) (D) | Date Exerc | isable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | Transact (Instr. 4) | | | | |
| Performance Shares | (5) | 02/03/2015 ⁽¹⁾ | | | M ⁽¹⁾ | \top | | 43,200 | 1) (: | 5) | (5) | Common Stock | 43,200 | \$0.0 | 86,40 | 00 | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive a restricted stock unit upon MPWR's common stock achieving a 20-day average closing price of \$47.00 per share from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2018 (the "Performance Period"). Credited performance units are still subject to an additional, quarterly, five-year time-based vesting schedule beginning January 1, 2019, subject to acceleration
- 2. Acquired through the Company's qualified ESPP program.
- 3. 1/16 of the Restricted Stock Units shall vest quarterly following the Vesting Commencement Date, provided that the Grantee continues to be a Service Provider from the Grant Date through each applicable vesting date.
- 4. Shares sold to pay tax obligations resulting from the vesting of restricted stock units.
- 5. Each performance unit will vest as follows: one share of MPWR common stock will be credited for each performance unit if the price of MPWR common stock achieves a 20-day average closing price of \$40.00 per share from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2018 (the "Performance Period"), and up to four additional shares will be credited for each performance unit if the 20-day average closing price reaches \$43.00, \$47.00, \$52.00 and \$56.00 (that is, one share per price level) during the Performance Period. Credited performance units are then subject to an additional, quarterly, five-year time-based vesting schedule beginning January 1, 2019, subject to acceleration under certain circumstant

By: Saria Tseng For: Deming Xiao

03/18/2015

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

- * 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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