## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> Tseng Saria						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MONOLITHIC POWER SYSTEMS INC [ MPWR ]									eck all appl Directe	icable) or	ng Pe	rson(s) to Is 10% Ov Other (s	wner
(Last) (First) (Middle) 79 GREAT OAKS BLVD						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2015									below	r (give title ) P & Gene	eral C	below)	specity
(Street) SAN JOSE CA 95119 (City) (State) (Zip)				4. If A	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									e) X Form f Form f	ividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) Date (Month/Day.						Execution Date,			Transaction Dispose Code (Instr. and 5)			rities Acquired ( ed Of (D) (Instr. 3			Securit Benefic Owned Followi	ies ially ng	Forr (D) c Indii	n: Direct or rect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
									Code	v	Amoun	t (A (D	) or )	Price	Transa	Reported Fransaction(s) Instr. 3 and 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)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	if any	med on Date, Day/Year)	Code (Ir		tion of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4)		Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		piration ate	Title	or Nu	ount mber Shares					
Performance Shares	(1)	12/31/2015			А		75,678		(1)		(1)	Common Stock	75,	<b>678</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	\$0.0	75,678	1)	D	

## Explanation of Responses:

1. On December 31, 2015, the reporting person was granted a target of 75,678 shares of restricted stock units in four tranches over the next four years subject to satisfaction of share price targets. The vesting of restricted stock units in the second, third and fourth tranches is also subject to satisfaction of certain operational goals and market price hurdles as well as time vesting condition, as determined by the Compensation Committee of the Company. One-third of the shares have no sales restrictions and are sellable upon vesting on January 1, 2020, one-third of the shares have no sales restrictions until January 1, 2021 and one-third of the shares have no sales restrictions until January 1, 2022 subsequent to the achievement of those price and operational targets.

> Saria Tseng \*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

01/05/2016

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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