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

| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Moyer James C                          |                                                                                                                                              |                                                      |                                                             |                                  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MONOLITHIC POWER SYSTEMS INC [ MPWR ] |                                                                                        |                               |                                                                                            |                  |            |                                                  |                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                    | neck all app                                           | oplicable)<br>ector                                                                                |                    | Person(s) to Issue<br>10% Owne                                              |                         | wner                                                               |
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| (Last) 79 GREA                                                                   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/09/2017                                                                                  |                                                      |                                                             |                                  |                                                                                   |                                                                                        |                               |                                                                                            |                  |            | Officer (give title Other (spec<br>below) below) |                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                    |                                                        |                                                                                                    | specify            |                                                                             |                         |                                                                    |
| (Street) SAN JOS (City)                                                          |                                                                                                                                              | A 9                                                  | 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 Person |                                                        |                                                                                                    |                    |                                                                             |                         |                                                                    |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |                                                                                                                                              |                                                      |                                                             |                                  |                                                                                   |                                                                                        |                               |                                                                                            |                  |            |                                                  |                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                    |                                                        |                                                                                                    |                    |                                                                             |                         |                                                                    |
| 1. Title of S                                                                    | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)                                                                                                   | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Da<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Y |                                                             | ate,                             | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8)                                           |                                                                                        | ion D                         | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 an                           |                  |            |                                                  | Beneficially<br>Owned                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                    | Form:<br>(D) or<br>Indire                              |                                                                                                    | Indi<br>Ben<br>Own | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)           |                         |                                                                    |
|                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                              |                                                      |                                                             |                                  | Code                                                                              | •                                                                                      | V A                           | mount                                                                                      | (A)<br>or<br>(D) | Price      |                                                  | Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                    | (Instr. 4)                                             |                                                                                                    | (IIISI             | ur. 4)                                                                      |                         |                                                                    |
| Common                                                                           | 10/09/2017                                                                                                                                   |                                                      |                                                             |                                  | <b>S</b> <sup>(1)</sup>                                                           |                                                                                        |                               | 15,000                                                                                     | D                | \$108.4046 |                                                  | 6 745,225(2)                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                    | D                                                      |                                                                                                    |                    |                                                                             |                         |                                                                    |
| Common Stock                                                                     |                                                                                                                                              |                                                      |                                                             |                                  |                                                                                   |                                                                                        |                               |                                                                                            |                  |            |                                                  |                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                    | 71,823                                                 |                                                                                                    | I                  |                                                                             | by Moyer<br>FamilyTrust |                                                                    |
|                                                                                  | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |                                                      |                                                             |                                  |                                                                                   |                                                                                        |                               |                                                                                            |                  |            |                                                  |                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                    |                                                        |                                                                                                    |                    |                                                                             |                         |                                                                    |
| 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)           | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transact<br>Code (In<br>8) |                                                                                   | 5. Nu<br>of<br>Derive<br>Secur<br>Acqu<br>(A) or<br>Dispo<br>of (D)<br>(Instr<br>and 5 | ative<br>ities<br>ired<br>sed | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Expiration Exercisable Date |                  |            | An<br>Se<br>Un<br>De<br>Se<br>3 a                | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)  Amount or Number of Title Shares |                                                                                                                                                    | 8. Price<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) |                    | 10.<br>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) |

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. In accordance with the reporting person's 10b5-1 trading plan.
- 2. The Securities Beneficially Owned reflects a bona fide gift by the Reporting Person.

By: Saria Tseng For: James Moyer 10/10/2017

\*\* 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).
- \*\* 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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