FORM 3

### **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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# INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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

Placen Theodore			2. Date of Event Requiring Stater Month/Day/Yea	ment	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  MONOLITHIC POWER SYSTEMS INC [ MPWR ]						
(Last) 79 GREAT O (Street)	(First) AKS BLVD	(Middle)	07/19/2016			ationship of Reporting Per all applicable) Director Officer (give title below)	on(s) to Issu 10% Own Other (spe below)	er 6. I App	If Amendment, Date of Original Filed Month/Day/Year)  Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check pplicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person		
SAN JOSE (City)	CA (State)	95119 (Zip)							Form filed b Reporting F	y More than One Person	
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned											
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)						nt of Securities ally Owned (Instr. 4)			Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		
Common Stock						48,947(1)	D				
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)											
Expirati			Expiration Da	piration Date		Title and Amount of Securi Underlying Derivative Securi  4)		4. Conversion	Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
			Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	,	Amount or Number of Shares	Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Includes restricted stock units which vest on various dates through 12/31/2023.

/s/ Saria Tseng for T. Bernie Blegen

07/25/2016

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).
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#### LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY

## FOR MONOLITHIC POWER SYSTEMS SECTION 16(a) FILINGS

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned, Theodore Blegen, hereby constitutes and appoints each of Michael Hsing and Saria Tseng, signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) Complete and execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer, director and/or stockholder of Monolithic Power Systems, Inc. (the "Company"), Forms ID, 3, 4, and 5 and other forms and all amendments thereto as such attorney-in-fact shall in his or her discretion determine to be required or advisable in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, or any successor laws and regulations, as consequence of the undersigned's ownership, acquisition or disposition of securities of the Company;
- (2) Do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such forms or amendment thereto and timely file such forms with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (3) Take any other action of any type whatsoever which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be necessary or desirable in connection with the foregoing authority, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms ID, 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transaction in securities of the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the Company and the foregoing attorneys-in-fact. This Power of Attorney may be filed with the SEC as a confirming statement of the authority granted herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this day of July 19, 2016.

Theodore Blegen	
Print Name of Reporting Person	
/s/ Theodore Blegen	
Signature	