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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Tseng Saria			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			MONOLITHIC POWER SYSTEMS INC [MPWR]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner Other (give title Other (specify		
79 GREAT OAKS BLVD			10/25/2018	below) below) VP & General Counsel		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)		
SAN JOSE, CA 95119				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acq	quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned		

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-Do	erivative S	ecuriti	es Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	10/25/2018(1)		M <u>(1)</u>	12,885 (1)	A	\$ 0	297,295	D	
Common Stock	10/25/2018(2)		M(2)	15,075 (2)	A	\$0	312,370	D	

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

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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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) (sposed of		7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Performance Shares	(1)	10/25/2018		M <u>(1)</u>		12,885	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	12,8
Performance Shares	(2)	10/25/2018		M(2)		15,075	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	15,0
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	10/25/2018	<u>(3)</u>	A	48,000		<u>(3)</u>	(3)	Common Stock	48,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
·Fr · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Tseng Saria 79 GREAT OAKS BLVD			VP & General Counsel				

Signatures

SAN JOSE, CA 95119

/s/ Saria Tseng 10/29/2018

**Signature of Person Date

Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).

On December 31, 2015, the reporting person was granted a target number of 75,678 performance units in four tranches subject to

- satisfaction of share price targets over the next four years. The vesting of performance units in the second, third and fourth tranches is also subject to the satisfaction of certain operational goals, as determined by the Compensation Committee. All performance units are subject to time based vesting through January 1, 2020 or an earlier change in control. Once vested, one-third of the resulting shares have no sales restrictions and are sellable on January 1, 2020, one-third of the shares have sales restrictions until January 1, 2021 and one-third of the shares have sales restrictions until January 1, 2022. On October 25, 2018, the Compensation Committee determined one of the operational goals for the second tranche of performance units had been satisfied, which resulted in 12,885 units being credited, subject to time based vesting above.
- (2) On December 31, 2015, the reporting person was granted a target number of 75,678 shares of performance units in four tranches subject to satisfaction of share price targets over the next four years. The vesting of performance units in the second, third and fourth tranches is also subject to the satisfaction of certain operational goals, as determined by the Compensation Committee. All performance units are subject to time based vesting and require service through January 1, 2020 or an earlier change in control. Once vested, one-third of the resulting shares have no sales restrictions and are sellable on January 1, 2020, one-third of the shares have sales restrictions until January

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1, 2021 and one-third of the shares have sales restrictions until January 1, 2022.On October 25, 2018,the Compensation Committee determined one of the operational goals for the third tranche of performance units had been satisfied, which resulted in 15,075 units being credited, subject to time based vesting.

On October 25, 2018, the reporting person was granted a target number of 9,600 performance units and can earn up to a maximum of 48,000 performance units subject to satisfaction of share price targets ranging from \$140 to \$172 over the performance periods from October 25, 2018 to December 31, 2023, as determined by the Compensation Committee of the Company. All performance units are

(3) subject to time based vesting and require service through January 1, 2024 or an earlier change in control. Once vested, performance units convert into shares of common stock on a 1-for-1 basis and one-third of the resulting shares have no sales restrictions and are sellable on January 1, 2024, one-third of the shares have sales restrictions until January 1, 2025 and one-third of the shares have sales restrictions until January 1, 2026.

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