

MONOLITHIC POWER SYSTEMS INC  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Hsing Michael

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 MONOLITHIC POWER SYSTEMS INC [MPWR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 79 GREAT OAKS BLVD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/06/2017

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 CEO

SAN JOSE, CA 95119  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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 (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/06/2017                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 19,482 D \$ 88.2535   | 1,142,406  | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/07/2017                           |  | A                              |   | 225,944 <sup>(2)</sup> A \$ 0   | 1,368,350  | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/07/2017 <sup>(3)</sup>            |  | M <sup>(3)</sup>               |   | 8,939 <sup>(3)</sup> A \$ 0   | 1,377,289  | D   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 133,040  | I by M Hsing 04 Trust                                 |

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Performance Shares                         | (3)  | 02/07/2017(3)                        |  | M                              | 8,939<br>(3)  | (3) (3)  | Common Stock  | 8,939                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                            | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Hsing Michael<br>79 GREAT OAKS BLVD<br>SAN JOSE, CA 95119 | X             |           | CEO     |       |

## Signatures

By: Saria Tseng For: Michael Hsing 02/08/2017

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## 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).

(1) The reported sales were to cover taxes upon the vesting of restricted stock units, as required by the Company's equity incentive plans.

On February 3, 2015, the reporting person was granted a target of 79,745 shares of restricted stock units subject to satisfaction of pre-determined, performance-based vesting criteria. On February 7, 2017, the Company's Board of Directors determined that those

(2) performance criteria for the restricted stock units had been satisfied, which resulted in 146,199 additional shares being achieved and granted to the reporting person. Of the restricted stock units that were awarded, 112,972 will vest immediately and 112,972 will vest quarterly in the next two years.

(3) On December 31, 2015, the reporting person was granted a target of 138,743 shares of restricted stock units in four tranches subject to satisfaction of share price targets over the next four years. The vesting of restricted stock units in the second, third and fourth tranches is also subject to the satisfaction of certain operational goals, as determined by the Compensation Committee of the Company. All restricted

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stock units are subject to time based vesting. Once vested, one-third of 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 28, 2016, the Compensation Committee of the Company determined that one of the five share price targets for the first tranche of restricted stock units had been satisfied, which resulted in 8,939 shares being granted, subject to time based vesting described above.

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