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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 \*  
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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)  
02/06/2013

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

SAN JOSE, CA 95119

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	02/06/2013		S <sup>(1)</sup>	31,272 D	\$ 22.8889	601,169	D
Common Stock	02/06/2013		S <sup>(2)</sup>	39,229 D	\$ 22.8889	561,940	D
Common Stock	02/06/2013		A <sup>(3)</sup>	7,064 A	\$ 0	569,004	D
Common Stock	02/07/2013		S <sup>(4)</sup>	3,646 D	\$ 23.7	565,358	D
Common Stock						465,566	I By Jointly w/Spouse



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- \* 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) Shares sold to pay tax obligations resulting from the vesting of performance units (restricted stock units) originally granted on February 25, 2010. The Performance was met and the shares were released per board approval on February 5, 2013.
- (2) Shares sold to pay tax obligations resulting from the vesting of performance units (restricted stock units) originally granted on February 8, 2011. The Performance was met and the shares were released per board approval on February 5, 2013.
- (3) Equitable stock dividend adjustment approved by the Board of Director as a result of dividend Payment to shareholders on December 28, 2012. Stock dividends will release according to the same vesting schedule as the original grants.
- (4) Shares sold to pay tax obligations resulting from the release of restricted stock units.

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