

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 \*  
 Tseng Saria

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)  
 12/14/2013

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP & General Counsel

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	07/22/2014 <sup>(1)</sup>		M <sup>(1)</sup>		43,200 <u>(1)</u>	A \$ 0	89,555 D
Common Stock	10/21/2014 <sup>(2)</sup>		M <sup>(2)</sup>		43,200 <u>(2)</u>	A \$ 0	124,413 D
Common Stock							2,000 I S.Tseng Charity Fund

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Performance Shares <sup>(3)</sup>	<u>(4)</u>	12/14/2013		A <sup>(5)</sup>	216,000 <u>(3)</u>	<u>(4)</u> <u>(4)</u>	Common Stock 21
Performance Shares	<u>(4)</u>	07/22/2014 <sup>(1)</sup>		M <sup>(1)</sup>	43,200 <u>(1)</u>	<u>(4)</u> <u>(4)</u>	Common Stock 43
Performance Shares	<u>(4)</u>	10/21/2014 <sup>(2)</sup>		M <sup>(2)</sup>	43,200 <u>(2)</u>	<u>(4)</u> <u>(4)</u>	Common Stock 43

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Tseng Saria 79 GREAT OAKS BLVD SAN JOSE, CA 95119			VP & General Counsel	

## Signatures

Saria Tseng      11/21/2014

\*\*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) Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive a restricted stock unit upon MPWR's common stock achieving a 20-day average closing price of \$40.00 per share from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2018 (the "Performance Period"). Credited performance units are still subject to an additional, quarterly, five-year time-based vesting schedule beginning January 1, 2019, subject to acceleration under certain circumstances.

(2) Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive a restricted stock unit upon MPWR's common stock achieving a 20-day average closing price of \$43.00 per share from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2018 (the "Performance Period"). Credited performance units are still subject to an additional, quarterly, five-year time-based vesting schedule beginning January 1, 2019, subject to acceleration under certain circumstances.

(3) The reporting person was granted 43,200 performance units on December 14, 2013. Each performance unit vests as stated: one share of MPWR common stock will be credited for each performance unit if the price of MPWR common stock achieves a 20-day average closing price of \$40.00 per share from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2018 (the "Performance Period"), and up to four additional shares will be credited for each performance unit if the 20-day average closing price reaches \$43.00, \$47.00, \$52.00, and \$56.00 (one share per

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price level) during the Performance Period. Credited performance units are subject to an additional, five-year, quarterly, time-based vesting schedule beginning January 1, 2019, subject to acceleration under certain circumstances. The derivative securities reported in columns 5 and 9 reflect the maximum payout achievable. If the Company does not achieve a price threshold within the Performance Period, 1/5 of the reported derivative securities will be forfeited.

- (4) Each performance unit will vest as follows: one share of MPWR common stock will be credited for each performance unit if the price of MPWR common stock achieves a 20-day average closing price of \$40.00 per share from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2018 (the "Performance Period"), and up to four additional shares will be credited for each performance unit if the 20-day average closing price reaches \$43.00, \$47.00, \$52.00 and \$56.00 (that is, one share per price level) during the Performance Period. Credited performance units are then subject to an additional, quarterly, five-year time-based vesting schedule beginning January 1, 2019, subject to acceleration under certain circumstances.

- (5) No new grants are being reported by this amendment. This amendment merely increases the number of derivative securities originally reported in column 5 and 9 of Table II of the Form 4 filed with the SEC on December 18, 2013 to match the number of shares underlying the derivative security originally reported in column 7 of Table II. These changes are needed to allow the Company to utilize its existing Section 16 filing program to report the vesting of the performance units when the different price thresholds are achieved. The Company's existing filing program does not allow for the reporting of vesting of performance units that entitle a grantee to a potential payout under those units greater than 1x.

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