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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
6409 GUADALUPE MINES ROAD  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/18/2011

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

SAN JOSE, CA 95120  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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                    | 02/18/2011                           |                                                    | M                              |                                                                   | 240,000<br>(1)                                                                                | A                                                        | \$ 5 692,105                                          | D |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 498,566                                                                                       | I                                                        | By Jointly w/Spouse                                   |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 133,040                                                                                       | I                                                        | By S. Hsing 04 Trust                                  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 133,040                                                                                       | I                                                        | by M Hsing 04 Trust                                   |   |

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |       |        |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------|--------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                               | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date                                             | Title | Amount |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 5                                                   | 02/18/2011                           |                                                    | M                              | 240,000                                                                                 | 01/13/2005 01/13/2014                                    | Common Stock                                                |       | 2      |

### Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Hsing Michael<br>6409 GUADALUPE MINES ROAD<br>SAN JOSE, CA 95120 | X             |           | CEO     |       |

### Signatures

By: Saria Tseng For: Michael Hsing  
Date: 02/18/2011

\*\*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) Represents vested shares acquired through the cash exercise of a stock option in compliance with the Company's Insider Trading Compliance Program.

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