

Rao Meera  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
Rao Meera

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  
 Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
CFO

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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/06/2013		S <sup>(1)</sup>	3,575 D \$ 22.8888	86,972	D	
Common Stock	02/06/2013		A <sup>(2)</sup>	624 A \$ 0	87,596	D	
Common Stock	02/07/2013		S <sup>(3)</sup>	248 D \$ 23.7	87,348	D	
Common Stock	02/07/2013		M <sup>(4)</sup>	16,000 A \$ 13.53	103,348	D	
Common Stock	02/07/2013		S <sup>(4)</sup>	16,000 D \$ 24.2964	87,348	D	

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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 or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.53	02/07/2013		M <sup>(4)</sup>	16,000	01/05/2010 01/05/2016	Common Stock	16,000	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Rao Meera 79 GREAT OAKS BLVD SAN JOSE, CA 95119			CFO	

## Signatures

By: Saria Tseng For: 02/08/2013  
Meera Rao

\*\*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) 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) 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.
- (3) Shares sold to pay tax obligations resulting from the release of restricted stock units.
- (4) In accordance with the reporting person's 10b5-1 trading plan.
- (5)

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The price is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The prices for the transactions reported on this line range from \$24.00 to \$24.73. The reporting person undertakes to provide, upon request by the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

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