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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Hsing Michael</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) 4040 LAKE WASHINGTON BLVD. NE, SUITE 201 <hr/> (Street) KIRKLAND WA 98033 <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MONOLITHIC POWER SYSTEMS INC</u> [MPWR] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <p style="text-align: center;">CEO</p> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/11/2019 | |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | |

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) |
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| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/11/2019 | | A | | 254,220 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$30 | 1,314,098 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/12/2019 | | S ⁽²⁾ | | 72,851 | D | \$130.6571 | 1,241,247 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 133,040 | I | by M Hsing 04 Trust |

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) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- On February 7, 2017, the reporting person was granted a target of 97,777 shares of restricted stock units, with the right to earn up to 300% of the target shares, subject to satisfaction of pre-determined, performance-based vesting criteria. On February 11, 2019, the Company's Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors determined and approved the achievement of the performance criteria for the restricted stock units, which resulted in 156,443 additional shares being earned by the reporting person. Of the restricted stock units that were awarded, 127,111 will vest immediately and 127,109 will vest quarterly in the next two years.
- The reported sales were to cover taxes upon the vesting of restricted stock units, as required by the Company's equity incentive plans.

By: Saria Tseng For: Michael Hsing 02/13/2019

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

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