

Altschaefl Michael W
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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 *
 Altschaefl Michael W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ORION ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.
 [OESX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 ALBANY-CHICAGO COMPANY
 LLC, 8200 100TH STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/28/2012

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

PLEASANT PRAIRIE, WI 53158
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code V | Amount | | |
| Common Stock | 02/28/2012 | | A | 5,659 | A | \$ 0 (1) | 40,767 D |

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)

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| 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 3.81 | | | | | 10/30/2010 ⁽²⁾ 10/30/2019 | Common Stock | 5,291 |
| Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 3.46 | | | | | 05/18/2011 ⁽³⁾ 05/18/2020 | Common Stock | 19,912 |
| Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 4.19 | | | | | 05/23/2012 ⁽⁴⁾ 05/23/2021 | Common Stock | 22,045 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Altschaefl Michael W ALBANY-CHICAGO COMPANY LLC 8200 100TH STREET PLEASANT PRAIRIE, WI 53158 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Steven R. Barth, Attorney-in-Fact 04/18/2012

**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 granted in lieu of cash for quarterly retainer and annual Committee Chairman fees pursuant to Issuer's 2004 Stock and Incentive Awards Plan.
- (2) Grant to reporting person of option to buy shares under the 2004 Stock and Incentive Awards Plan. This option, granted October 30, 2009, vests and becomes exercisable in three equal installments on October 30, 2010, 2011 and 2012, respectively.

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- (3) Grant to reporting person of option to buy shares under the 2004 Stock and Incentive Awards Plan. This option, granted May 18, 2010, vests and becomes exercisable in three equal installments on May 18, 2011, 2012 and 2013, respectively.
- (4) Grant to reporting person of option to buy shares under the 2004 Stock and Incentive Awards Plan. This option, granted May 23, 2011, vests and becomes exercisable in three equal installments on May 23, 2012, 2013 and 2014, respectively.

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