

Altschaefl Michael W
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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)

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

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

ALBANY-CHICAGO COMPANY LLC, 8200 100TH STREET

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

PLEASANT PRAIRIE, WI 53158

(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 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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- (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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