

Potts Michael J  
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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 \*  
 Potts Michael J

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)  
 2210 WOODLAND DRIVE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 06/18/2012

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

MANITOWOC, WI 54220  
 (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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 06/18/2012                           |  | A <sup>(1)</sup>               | 25,000 A \$ 0   | 447,352   | 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)               | \$ 2   | 06/18/2012                           |  | A                              | 50,000  | <u>(2)</u> 06/18/2022                                    | Common Stock  | 50,000                        |
| Stock Options (right to buy)               | \$ 2.2   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(3)</u> 12/20/2016                                    | Common Stock  | 45,000                        |
| Stock Options (right to buy)               | \$ 5.35  |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(4)</u> 08/08/2018                                    | Common Stock  | 21,452                        |
| Stock Options (right to buy)               | \$ 3.78  |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(5)</u> 05/19/2019                                    | Common Stock  | 11,759                        |
| Stock Options (right to buy)               | \$ 3.46  |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(6)</u> 05/18/2020                                    | Common Stock  | 11,620                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |                   |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |
| Potts Michael J<br>2210 WOODLAND DRIVE<br>MANITOWOC, WI 54220 | X             |           | President and COO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Steven R. Barth, Attorney-in-Fact for Michael J. Potts 06/20/2012

\_\_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) Restricted stock granted to the reporting person under the 2004 Stock and Incentive Awards Plan. The restricted stock vests and becomes exercisable in 20% increments on June 18, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017, respectively.
- (2) Grant to reporting person of option to buy shares under the 2004 Stock and Incentive Awards Plan. This option, granted June 18, 2012, vests and becomes exercisable in 20% increments on June 18, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017, respectively.
- (3) Grant to reporting person of option to buy shares under the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan. This option, granted December 20, 2006, vests and becomes exercisable in 20% increments on December 20, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, respectively.
- (4) Grant to reporting person of option to buy shares under the 2004 Stock and Incentive Awards Plan. This option, granted August 8, 2008, vests and becomes exercisable in 20% increments on August 8, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013, respectively.
- (5) Grant to reporting person of option to buy shares under the 2004 Stock and Incentive Awards Plan. This option, granted May 19, 2009, vests and becomes exercisable in 20% increments on May 19, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014, respectively.
- (6) 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 20% increments on May 18, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015, respectively.

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