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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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ALBANY-CHICAGO COMPANY LLC, 8200 100TH STREET

(Street)

PLEASANT PRAIRIE, WI 53158

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

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	02/28/2012		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)

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 Amoun Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Stock Options (right to buy)	$ 3.81							10/30/2010(2)	10/30/2019	Common Stock	5,2
Stock Options (right to buy)	$ 3.46							05/18/2011(3)	05/18/2020	Common Stock	19,9
Stock Options (right to buy)	$ 4.19							05/23/2012(4)	05/23/2021	Common Stock	22,0

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.

(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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