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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>Altschaeffl Michael W</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br>ALBANY-CHICAGO COMPANY LLC<br>8200 100TH STREET<br><br>(Street)<br>PLEASANT WI 53158<br>PRAIRIE<br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>ORION ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC. [ OESX ]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner<br>Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) |
|  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>02/28/2012</u>                     |  |
| 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|--------------------|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V | Amount  | (A) or (D) | Price              |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/28/2012                           |  | A                              |   | 5,659   | A          | \$0 <sup>(1)</sup> | 40,767  | D  |   |

**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 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 | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |   |  |
| Stock Options (right to buy)               | \$3.81   |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 10/30/2010 <sup>(2)</sup>                                | 10/30/2019      | Common Stock  | 5,291                                      | 5,291  | D   |  |
| Stock Options (right to buy)               | \$3.46   |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 05/18/2011 <sup>(3)</sup>                                | 05/18/2020      | Common Stock  | 19,912                                     | 19,912   | D   |  |
| Stock Options (right to buy)               | \$4.19   |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 05/23/2012 <sup>(4)</sup>                                | 05/23/2021      | Common Stock  | 22,045                                     | 22,045   | D   |  |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Shares granted in lieu of cash for quarterly retainer and annual Committee Chairman fees pursuant to Issuer's 2004 Stock and Incentive Awards Plan.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

**Remarks:**

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

\*\* 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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