

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Birkerts Erik G</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 1204 PILGRIM ROAD (Street) PLYMOUTH WI 53073 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ORION ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC. [OESX]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Operating Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/19/2009	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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							1,400	D		
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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 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)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$3.78	05/19/2009		A		11,759		(1)	05/19/2019	Common Stock	11,759	\$0	11,759	D	
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$2.2							(2)	03/05/2017	Common Stock	75,000		75,000	D	
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$5.35							(3)	08/08/2018	Common Stock	16,502		16,502	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 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.
- Grant to reporting person of option to buy shares under the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan. This option, granted March 5, 2007, vests and becomes exercisable in 20% increments on March 5, 2008, 2009, 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 August 8, 2008, vests and becomes exercisable in 20% increments on August 8, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013, respectively.

Remarks:

Peter C. Underwood, Attorney-in-Fact 05/21/2009

** 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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