Potts Michael J Form 4 August 24, 2010

### FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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See Instruction 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

(Print or Type Responses)

Potts Michael J Issuer Symbol ORION ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC. (Check all applicable) [OESX] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction \_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 2210 WOODLAND DRIVE 08/23/2010 **Executive Vice President** (Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Street)
4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)
5. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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MANITOWOC, WI 54220

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount (D) Price Common 08/23/2010 M 30,000 422,352 D Stock

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of ctionDerivative Securities 8) 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)		} : (
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 2.2	08/23/2010		M		30,000	<u>(1)</u>	12/20/2016	Common Stock	30,000	
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 5.35						(2)	08/08/2018	Common Stock	21,452	
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 3.78						(3)	05/19/2019	Common Stock	11,759	
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 3.46						<u>(4)</u>	05/18/2020	Common Stock	11,620	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address			Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Potts Michael J 2210 WOODLAND DRIVE MANITOWOC, WI 54220	X		Executive Vice President			

### **Signatures**

/s/ Steven R. Barth,
Attorney-in-Fact
08/24/2010

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Da

## **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) 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.

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- (2) 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.
- (3) 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 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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