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

## **SCHEDULE 13G**

### Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. <u>4</u>)\*

Orion Energy Systems, Inc. (Name of Issuer)

<u>Common Stock</u> (Title of Class of Securities)

> <u>686275108</u> (CUSIP Number)

### <u>December 31, 2011</u> (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- □ Rule 13d-1(b)
- S Rule 13d-1(c)
- □ Rule 13d-1(d)

\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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	Neal R. Verfuerth					
2	CHECK THE	APPROP	RIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)	(a) 🗆		
	Not Applicable	2		(b) o		
3	SEC USE ONI					
4	CITIZENSHIP	OR PLA	CE OF ORGANIZATION			
	United States					
		5	SOLE VOTING POWER			
			2,204,665			
	NUMBER OF SHARES	6	SHARED VOTING POWER			
	BENEFICIALLY	U				
	OWNED BY		0			
	EACH REPORTING	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER			
	PERSON		2,204,665			
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10			AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE	0		
	INSTRUCTIO	NS)				
	Not Applicable	2				
11			REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)			
	9.6%					
		ORTING	PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)			
12	TYPE OF REP					
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Item 1(a).	Name of Issuer:
	Orion Energy Systems, Inc.
Item 1(b).	Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:
	2210 Woodland Drive, Manitowoc, WI 54220
Item 2(a).	Name of Person Filing:
	The person filing this Schedule 13G is Neal R. Verfuerth.
Item 2(b).	Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence:
	2210 Woodland Drive, Manitowoc, WI 54220
Item 2(c).	<u>Citizenship</u> :
	Neal R. Verfuerth is a United States citizen.
Item 2(d).	Title of Class of Securities:
	Common Stock
Item 2(e).	CUSIP Number:
	686275108
Item 3.	If this statement is filed pursuant to sections 240.13d-1(b), or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:
	Not Applicable

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Item 4.	<u>Own</u>	<u>Ownership</u> :				
	(a)	Amount Beneficially Owned: 2,204,665 <sup>(1)</sup>				
	(b)	Percent of Class: 9.6%				
	(c)	Number of shares as to which such person has:				
		(i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 2,204,665 <sup>(1)</sup>				
		(ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 0				
		(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 2,204,665 <sup>(1)</sup>				
		(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0				
		des (a) 1,732,861 shares held by Neal R. Verfuerth and (b) 471,804 shares issuable upon the exercise of stock options held by Neal R. Ierth that are exercisable within 60 days of December 31, 2011.				
Item 5.	<u>Own</u>	vnership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:				
	N/A					
Item 6.	<u>Own</u>	Dwnership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:				
	N/A					
Item 7.		Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person:				
	N/A					
Item 8.	Ident	Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:				
	N/A					
Item 9.	Notie	Notice of Dissolution of Group:				
	N/A					
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## Item 10. <u>Certification</u>:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

### SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 1, 2012

<u>/s/ Neal R. Verfuerth</u> Neal R. Verfuerth