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

## FORM 8-K

## **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 26, 2010

# **ORION ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Wisconsin	01-33887		39-1847269			
(State or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)		(IRS Employer Identification No.)			
2210 Woodland Drive, Manitowoc,	2210 Woodland Drive, Manitowoc, Wisconsin 54220					
(Address of Principal Executive	e Offices) (Zip Code)					
(Former )	Not App name or former addres		st report.)			
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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

## Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 26, 2010, Orion Energy Systems, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing its quarterly financial results for its fiscal 2011 second quarter ended September 30, 2010. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. Also furnished as Exhibit 99.2 is certain supplemental financial information posted on the Company's website at www.oriones.com.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibits. The following exhibits are being furnished herewith:
  - (99.1) Press Release of Orion Energy Systems, Inc., dated October 26, 2010.
  - (99.2) Supplemental Financial Information.

## **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

## ORION ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.

Date: October 26, 2010

By: <u>/s/ Scott R. Jensen</u> Scott R. Jensen Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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Orion Energy Systems, Inc. Announces Fiscal 2011 Second Quarter Results

Achieves Record Quarter for Contracted Revenues

**MANITOWOC, Wis.** — **October 26, 2010** — Orion Energy Systems, Inc. (NYSE Amex: OESX), a power technology enterprise that designs, manufactures and deploys energy management solutions for the commercial and industrial sectors, today announced financial results for its fiscal 2011 second quarter and fiscal year-to-date period ended September 30, 2010.

#### Second Quarter of Fiscal 2011

For the second quarter of fiscal 2011, Orion reported a record level of contracted revenues of \$29.2 million, a 44% increase versus the prior year fiscal 2010 second quarter total of \$20.3 million. Included in the \$29.2 million were \$23.9 million in cash orders and \$5.3 million in financed contracts from Orion Throughput Agreements (OTAs). Prior year contracted revenues included \$17.9 million in cash orders and \$2.4 million in financed contracts from OTA agreements. See the section below titled "Definition of Contracted Revenues" for details on how Orion defines contracted revenues. Orion also reported revenues of \$13.7 million under generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), a 6% decline compared to \$14.6 million for the second quarter of fiscal 2010. The year-over-year decline was primarily the result of a record level of backlog at the end of the second quarter due to a large influx of orders toward the end of September, which were not able to be produced and shipped within the quarter. Total backlog at the end of the second quarter of fiscal 2011. Orion generally expects this backlog to be recognized as GAAP revenue in the third quarter of fiscal 2011.

For the second quarter of fiscal 2011, the Company reported non-GAAP net income of \$0.7 million, or \$0.03 per share, compared to a non-GAAP net loss of \$(1.0 million), or \$(0.05) per share, for the second quarter of fiscal 2010. See the section below titled "Non-GAAP Financial Measures Reconciliation" for details on how Orion determines non-GAAP net income. For the second quarter of fiscal 2011, the Company reported a GAAP net loss of \$(0.2 million), or \$(0.01) per share, compared to a GAAP net loss of \$(1.4 million), or \$(0.06) per share for the second quarter of fiscal 2010.

#### Six Months Ended — Year-to-Date Fiscal 2011

For the first six months of fiscal 2011, Orion also reported a record level of contracted revenues of \$48.0 million, a 34% increase compared to \$35.8 million for the same period in fiscal 2010. Included in the \$48.0 million were \$38.6 million in cash orders and \$9.4 million in financed contracts from OTAs and solar technology power purchase agreements (PPAs). Contracted revenues for the first six months of fiscal 2010 included \$31.1 million in cash orders and \$4.7 million in financed contracts from OTAs. For the first six months of fiscal 2011, GAAP revenues were \$28.4 million, an increase of 4% compared to \$27.2 million for the same period in fiscal 2010.

For the first six months of fiscal 2011, the Company reported non-GAAP net income of \$0.2 million, or \$0.01 per share, compared to a non-GAAP net loss of \$(3.4 million), or \$(0.16) per share for the same period in fiscal 2010. For the first six months of fiscal 2011, the Company reported a GAAP net loss of \$(1.2 million), or \$(0.05) per share, compared to a GAAP net loss of \$(4.2 million), or \$(0.19) per share for the same period of fiscal 2010.

#### **Key Business Highlights**

During the second quarter of fiscal 2011:

- Orion increased the number of facilities retrofitted with its Compact Modular high-intensity fluorescent lighting technology to 6,128 as of the end of the second quarter fiscal 2011 (compared to 5,870 as of the end of the first quarter of fiscal 2011), representing 957 million square feet of installed facilities.
- Total deployments of the InteLite<sup>®</sup> wireless controls increased to 448 customer locations, consisting of 49,324 transceivers and 486 control panels (compared to 35,631 transceivers and 446 control panels as of the end of the first quarter of fiscal 2011). The deployments represent 22.2 million square feet of installed facilities as of the end of the second quarter of fiscal 2011 (compared to 16 million square feet as of the end of the first quarter of fiscal 2011).
- Total Apollo<sup>®</sup> solar light pipes installed increased to 7,581 total units (compared to 6,339 total units as of the end of the first quarter 2011), representing 3.4 million square feet of installed facilities as of the end of the second quarter of fiscal 2011 (compared to 2.9 million square feet of installed facilities as of the end of the first quarter of fiscal 2011).
- Orion received its single largest order in the Company's history relating to an \$8.2 million cash solar power project, which was included in backlog as of September 30, 2010.

- The Company entered into a \$2.9 million OTA with a key customer involving the retrofitting of Orion's Compact Modular lighting and the new installation of InteLite® wireless controls. The Company believes the significance of this order is the value proposition to be enjoyed by the customer in replacing Orion's existing lighting technology that is working fine in order to implement the Company's integrated system.
- A \$2.4 million financing agreement was entered into with First Business Bank, headquartered in Madison, WI, to provide additional capital to support the Company's growing OTA and PPA business.

Neal Verfuerth, Chief Executive Officer of Orion commented, "Now more than ever, I'm convinced that we're absolutely in the right place at the right time in the energy world. I see the market opening up and major opportunities continuing to develop for our products and services. Our dedicated team of salespeople and other sales and marketing personnel, as well as our independent partners and other channel relationships, are currently working diligently on a robust pipeline of potential cash and financed projects, including some interesting solar opportunities."

"Our products, systems and solutions result in Orion essentially being a power plant to our customers — which means we're in the business of deploying assets and harvesting a compelling return on those assets," continued Mr. Verfuerth. "However, one of the biggest challenges we continue to face is that capital expenditure budgets are still tied up. In the meantime, we will continue to work in gaining momentum with our innovative OTA and PPA financing solutions, and will be well positioned when the capital spending environment within corporate America demonstrates a sustainable recovery."

#### **Fiscal 2011 Outlook**

The Company is reaffirming its previously stated fiscal 2011 guidance for contracted revenue, GAAP Revenue, non-GAAP earnings per share and GAAP earnings per share. The basis for maintaining guidance is due to the record level of backlog at the end of the second quarter, the business trends experienced thus far in the third quarter, along with a somewhat increased level of visibility from a strong pipeline of potential cash and financed projects. For fiscal 2011 (ending March 31, 2011), contracted revenues are still anticipated to be between \$100 million and \$110 million. The Company continues to expect 20% to 25% of its anticipated fiscal 2011 contracted revenues to be driven by projects completed through its OTAs and PPAs. Orion still expects its fiscal 2011 GAAP revenues to be within the range of \$78 million and \$84 million.

Orion continues to believe that its non-GAAP earnings per share for fiscal 2011 will be in the range of \$0.25 to \$0.33 per diluted share. On a GAAP basis, the expectation of earnings per share for fiscal 2011 remains between \$0.02 and \$0.10 per diluted share. The achievability of this range remains highly dependent upon the percentage of contracted revenues realized from OTAs and PPAs.

The above guidance is based on the Company's current expectations. These statements are forward-looking and actual results may differ materially. The Company assumes no obligation to publicly update or revise its outlook. Investors are reminded that actual results may differ from these estimates for the reasons described below under the caption "Safe Harbor Statement" and in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

#### **Cash, Debt and Liquidity Position**

Orion had \$13.3 million in cash and cash equivalents and \$1.0 million in short-term investments as of September 30, 2010, compared to \$16.2 million and \$1.0 million, respectively, at June 30, 2010. Total short and long-term debt was \$6.1 million as of September 30, 2010, compared to \$3.6 million at June 30, 2010. There were no borrowings outstanding under the Company's revolving credit facility as of September 30, 2010, which has an availability of \$15 million.

Orion currently has been funding the systems costs of its OTA and PPA financing contracts primarily with its own cash. To ensure long-term capital support for the expected growth of these financing programs, the Company continues to pursue several debt financing alternatives in order to provide funding to specifically support the equipment and purchases that underlie the OTAs and PPAs. The Company believes the \$2.4 million financing agreement entered into during the second quarter is an initial validation of the ability to finance its OTA and PPA projects.

#### **Supplemental Information**

In conjunction with this press release, Orion has posted supplemental information on its website which further discusses the financial performance of the Company for the three and six months ended September 30, 2010. The purpose of the supplemental information is to provide further discussion and analysis of the Company's financial results for the second quarter and first six months of fiscal 2011. The supplemental information can be found in the Investor Relations section of Orion's Web site at http://investor.oriones.com/events.cfm.

#### **Conference Call**

Orion will host a conference call on Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern (4:00 p.m. Central/2:00 p.m. Pacific) to discuss details regarding its fiscal 2011 second quarter performance. Domestic callers may access the earnings conference call by dialing 877-754-5294 (international callers, dial 678-894-3013). Investors and other interested parties may also go to the Investor Relations section of Orion's Web site at <u>http://investor.oriones.com/events.cfm</u> for a live webcast of the conference call. To ensure a timely connection, it is recommended that users register at least 15 minutes prior to the webcast.

#### **Definition of Contracted Revenues**

Orion defines contracted revenues, which is a financial measurement not recognized under GAAP, as contracted revenue from firm customer purchase orders received, including both purchase orders payable immediately in cash and for potential future revenues expected to be realized under firm OTAs and solar PPAs which are expected to be paid by the Company's customers over the life of the OTAs and solar PPAs. For OTA and cash contracted revenues, Orion generally expects that it will begin to recognize GAAP revenue under the terms of the agreements within 90 days from the firm contract date. For PPA contracted revenues, Orion generally expects that it will begin to recognize GAAP revenue under the terms of the 200 generally expects that it will begin to recognize GAAP revenue under the terms of the 200 generally expects that it will begin to recognize GAAP revenue under the terms of the PPAs within 180 days from the firm contract date. Orion believes that total contracted revenues are a key financial metric for evaluating and measuring the Company's performance because the measure is an indicator of the Company's success in its customers' adoption and acceptance of the Company's energy products and services as it measures firm contracted revenue value, regardless of the contract's cash or deferred financing structure and the related different GAAP revenue recognition treatment.

Included below is a reconciliation of contracted revenues to revenues recognized under GAAP for the fiscal 2011 second quarter and fiscal year-to-date period ended September 30, 2010 (in millions).

	 nths ended er 30, 2010	 nths ended ber 30, 2010
Total contracted revenues	\$ 29.1	\$ 48.0
Change in backlog (1)	(10.1)	(10.5)
Contracted revenue from OTAs and PPAs (2)	(5.3)	(9.5)
Other miscellaneous		0.4
Revenue — GAAP basis	\$ 13.7	\$ 28.4

(1) Change in backlog reflects the (increase) or decrease in cash orders at the end of the respective period where product delivery or service performance has not yet occurred. GAAP revenue will be recognized when the performance conditions have been satisfied, typically within 90 days from the end of the period.

(2) Contracted revenues from OTAs and PPAs are subtracted to reconcile the GAAP revenue as recognition of GAAP revenue will occur in future periods.

#### **Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

Orion reports all financial information required in accordance with GAAP and also provides certain non-GAAP financial measures. A non-GAAP financial measure refers to a numerical measure of the Company's historical or future financial performance, financial position or cash flows that includes (or excludes) amounts that are included in (or excluded from) the most directly comparable measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP in the Company's financial statements. Specifically, the Company provides OTA and PPA adjusted revenues, OTA and PPA adjusted net income (loss) and OTA and PPA adjusted earnings (loss) per share data as additional information related to the Company's operating results. The Company presents these non-GAAP financial measures as a complement to results provided in accordance with GAAP because management believes that these non-GAAP financial measures help reflect underlying trends in the Company's business and are important in comparing current results with prior period results. The presentation of this additional information is not meant to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for revenue, net income (loss) or earnings (loss) per share prepared in accordance with GAAP.

Orion's management uses the foregoing non-GAAP financial measurements, which reflect the discounted expected future revenue to be derived from OTAs and PPAs and the discounted tax-effected contribution to net income from these contracts, to evaluate its ongoing operations and for internal planning, budgeting, forecasting and business management purposes. Accordingly, Orion believes it is useful for its investors to review, as applicable, information that both includes and excludes the expected future revenue and income contributions from its OTAs and PPAs in order to assess the relative performance of Orion's business. Management includes within the Company's reported contracted revenues the impact of the future potential gross revenue from OTAs and the discounted future potential revenue from PPAs because management believes that these adjustments reflect the increasing shift of customer purchasing decisions from cash purchases to the Company's OTA and PPA product purchase financing solution. Schedules that reconcile the Company's GAAP and Non-GAAP financial measures are included with this release. Investors are encouraged to review these reconciliations to ensure that they have a thorough understanding of the reported non-GAAP financial measures and their most directly comparable GAAP financial measures.

In Orion's earnings releases, conference calls, slide presentations and/or webcasts, it may use or discuss non-GAAP financial measures as defined by SEC Regulation G. The GAAP financial measure most directly comparable to each non-GAAP financial measure used or discussed and a reconciliation of the differences between each non-GAAP financial measure and the comparable GAAP financial measure are included in this press release after the condensed consolidated financial statements.

#### **About Orion Energy Systems**

Orion Energy Systems, Inc. (NYSE Amex: OESX) is a leading power technology enterprise that designs, manufactures and deploys energy management systems, consisting primarily of high-performance, energy efficient lighting systems and controls and related services, for commercial and industrial customers without compromising their quantity or quality of light. Since December 2001, Orion's technology has benefitted its customers and the environment by reducing its customers:

- Energy demand by 574,219 kilowatts, or 13.2 billion kilowatt-hours;
- Energy costs by more than \$1.0 billion; and
- Indirect carbon dioxide emission by more than 8.8 million tons.

#### Safe Harbor Statement

Certain matters discussed in this press release are "forward-looking statements" intended to qualify for the safe harbors from liability established by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements may generally be identified as such because the context of such statements will include words such as "anticipate," "believe," "could," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "plan," "potential," "predict," "project," "should," "will," "would" or words of similar import. Similarly, statements that describe the Company's financial guidance or future plans, objectives or goals are also forward-looking statements. Such forwardlooking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause results to differ materially from those expected, including, but not limited to, the following: (i) further deterioration of market conditions, including customer capital expenditure budgets; (ii) Orion's ability to compete in a highly competitive market and its ability to respond successfully to market competition; (iii) increasing duration of customer sales cycles; (iv) the market acceptance of Orion's products and services, including the increasing customer preferences to purchase the Company's products through its OTAs and PPAs rather than through cash purchases; (v) price fluctuations, shortages or interruptions of component supplies and raw materials used to manufacture Orion's products; (vi) loss of one or more key customers or suppliers, including key contacts at such customers; (vii) the increasing relative volume of the Company's product sales through its wholesale channel; (viii) a reduction in the price of electricity; (ix) the cost to comply with, and the effects of, any current and future government regulations, laws and policies; (x) increased competition from government subsidies and utility incentive programs; (xi) dependence on customers' capital budgets for sales of products and services; (xii) Orion's development of, and participation in, new product and technology offerings or applications; (xiii) legal proceedings, including the securities litigation pending against Orion; and (xiv) potential warranty claims. Shareholders, potential investors and other readers are urged to consider these factors carefully in evaluating the forward-looking statements and are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forwardlooking statements. The forward-looking statements made herein are made only as of the date of this press release and Orion undertakes no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. More detailed information about factors that may affect our performance may be found in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which are available at http://www.sec.gov or at http://www.oriones.com in the Investor Relations section of our Web site.

## ORION ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Si	x Months Ende	Aonths Ended September 3		
		2009	2010		2009		2010
Product revenue	\$	13,763	\$ 12,948	\$	24,440	\$	26,417
Service revenue		856	767		2,807		1,986
Total revenue		14,619	13,715		27,247		28,403
Cost of product revenue		9,222	8,257		17,094		16,782
Cost of service revenue		632	498		1,887		1,415
Total cost of revenue		9,854	 8,755		18,981		18,197
Gross profit		4,765	 4,960		8,266		10,206
Operating expenses:							
General and administrative		3,143	2,988		6,307		5,933
Sales and marketing		2,962	3,299		6,113		6,889
Research and development		491	 573		910		1,183
Total operating expenses		6,596	 6,860	_	13,330	_	14,005
Loss from operations		(1,831)	(1,900)		(5,064)		(3,799)
Other income (expense):							
Interest expense		(74)	(54)		(130)		(124)
Dividend and interest income		76	6		198		16
Total other income (expense)		2	(48)		68		(108)
Loss before income tax		(1,829)	 (1,948)	_	(4,996)		(3,907)
Income tax benefit		(430)	(1,788)		(824)		(2,692)
Net loss	\$	(1,399)	\$ (160)	\$	(4,172)	\$	(1,215)
Basic net loss per share attributable to common							
shareholders	\$	(0.06)	\$ (0.01)	\$	(0.19)	\$	(0.05)
Weighted-average common shares outstanding		21,707,477	22,638,638		21,648,246		22,581,188
Diluted net loss per share attributable to common					· ·		
shareholders	\$	(0.06)	\$ (0.01)	\$	(0.19)	\$	(0.05)
Weighted-average common shares outstanding		21,707,477	22,638,638		21,648,246		22,581,188

The following amounts of stock-based compensation were recorded (in thousands):

	Three	Three Months Ended September 30,				Six Months Ended September 30,			
	20	2009		2010		2009	2010		
Cost of product revenue	\$	53	\$	38	\$	112	\$	74	
General and administrative		145		173		267		271	
Sales and marketing		136		145		265		254	
Research and development		9		7		19		12	
Total	\$	343	\$	363	\$	663	\$	611	

## ORION ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	March 31, 2010		September 30 2010	
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	23,364	\$	13,324
Short-term investments		1,000		1,007
Accounts receivable, net of allowances of \$382 and \$446		14,617		11,589
Inventories, net		25,991		33,706
Deferred tax assets				521
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		2,974		5,295
Total current assets		67,946		65,442
Property and equipment, net		30,500		36,333
Patents and licenses, net		1,590		1,627
Deferred tax assets		2,610		3,383
Other long-term assets		975		1,793
Total assets	\$	103,621	\$	108,578
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity				
Accounts payable	\$	7,761	\$	9,235
Accrued expenses and other		3,844		3,656
Deferred tax liabilities		44		—
Current maturities of long-term debt		562		1,202
Total current liabilities		12,211		14,093
Long-term debt, less current maturities		3,156		4,934
Deferred revenue, long-term		186		1,779
Other long-term liabilities		398		399
Total liabilities		15,951		21,205
Shareholders' equity:				
Additional paid-in capital		122,515		123,378
Shareholder note receivable				(121)
Treasury stock		(32,011)		(31,835)
Accumulated deficit		(2,834)		(4,049)
Total shareholders' equity		87,670		87,373
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	103,621	\$	108,578

## ORION ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (in thousands)

	Six Months Ended September 30 2009 2010			
		2009		2010
Operating activities Net loss	¢	(4 172)	¢	(1.215)
	\$	(4,172)	\$	(1,215)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:		1 225		1,944
Depreciation and amortization Stock-based compensation expense		1,325 663		1,944 611
Deferred income tax benefit		(1,510)		(1,337)
Change in allowance for notes and accounts receivable		353		(1,557)
Other		(3)		34
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		(3)		54
Accounts receivable		(1,264)		2,964
Inventories		(1,204)		(7,715)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		1,845		(1,961)
Accounts payable		(2,338)		(1,901)
Accrued expenses		(2,338)		(188)
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Net cash used in operating activities		(3,890)		(5,325)
Investing activities				
Purchase of property and equipment		(2,501)		(1,955)
Purchase of property and equipment held under operating leases		(1,501)		(5,746)
Purchase of short-term investments		—		(7)
Proceeds from investment tax grant				806
Sale of short-term investments		5,583		
Additions to patents and licenses		(131)		(110)
Proceeds from sales of long term assets		6		1
Long term investments				(330)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		1,456		(7,341)
Financing activities				
Payment of long-term debt		(433)		(271)
Proceeds from long-term debt		(455)		2,689
Repurchase of common stock into treasury		(400)		2,005
Deferred financing costs and offering costs		(400)		(61)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock		517		269
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		(316)		2,626
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Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(2,750)		(10,040)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		36,163		23,364
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	33,413	\$	13,324

#### ORION ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES RECONCILIATION(1)

## (in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

(unaudited)

	Three months ended September 30,				Six months ended September 30,			
		2009		2010		2009		2010
GAAP revenue	\$	14,619	\$	13,715	\$	27,247	\$	28,403
ADD: discounted future revenues from OTA and PPA								
agreements (2)		2,004		4,630		3,919		8,391
OTA and PPA adjusted revenues		16,623		18,345		31,166		36,794
GAAP cost of revenues		9,854		8,755		18,981		18,197
ADD: Discounted future cost of revenues from OTA								
and PPA agreements(3)		1,403		3,241		2,743		6,159
OTA and PPA adjusted cost of revenues		11,257		11,996		21,724		24,356
OTA and PPA adjusted gross profit		5,366		6,349		9,442		12,438
Total GAAP operating expenses		6,596		6,860		13,330		14,005
OTA and PPA adjusted loss from operations		(1,230)		(510)		(3,888)		(1,567)
Total other income (expense)		2		(48)		68		(108)
OTA and PPA adjusted loss before income tax		(1,228)		(559)	_	(3,820)	_	(1,675)
GAAP income tax benefit		(430)		(1,788)		(824)		(2,692)
ADD: income tax expense on income from OTA and								
PPA agreements (4)		229		528		447		848
Total OTA and PPA adjusted income tax expense benefit		(201)		(1,260)		(377)		(1,844)
OTA and PPA adjusted net income (loss)	\$	(1,027)	\$	701	\$	(3,443)	\$	169
OTA and PPA adjusted basic net income (loss) per share								
attributable to common shareholders	\$	(0.05)	\$	0.03	\$	(0.16)	\$	0.01
Weighted-average common shares outstanding	2	1,707,477	2	2,638,638	2	1,648,246	2	2,581,188
OTA and PPA adjusted diluted net income (loss) per share attributable to common shareholders	¢		¢	0.02	¢	(0.16)	¢	0.01
	\$	(0.05)	\$	0.03	\$	(0.16)	\$	0.01
Weighted-average common shares outstanding	2	1,707,477	2	2,901,589	2	1,648,246	2	3,007,067

Footnotes:

(1) See the section below titled "Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures to Comparable U.S. GAAP Measures" for further details on the reconciliations for non-GAAP to GAAP financial measures.

- (2) The Company discounted the potential gross future revenue related to its OTA and PPA contracted revenues of \$2.4 million and \$5.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2009 and 2010, respectively, and \$4.7 million and \$9.4 million for the six months ended September 30, 2009 and 2011, respectively, with the expectation that all renewal periods will be exercised over the term of the contracts. Revenues were discounted using the Company's incremental borrowing interest rate of 7.5%.
- (3) The Company discounted the future cost of product revenues to be recognized related to its OTAs and PPAs at the historical gross margin rates related to the individual projects. Gross margin contribution for OTAs was estimated at 30% and gross margin contribution for PPAs was estimated at 15%.
- (4) The Company calculated the income tax expense on the contribution margin and income from OTAs and PPAs using its blended incremental effective federal and state tax rate of 38%.

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#### ORION ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures to Comparable U.S. GAAP Measures

(Unaudited)

Pursuant to the requirements of SEC Regulation G, the Company sets forth above a quantitative reconciliation of each historical non-GAAP financial measure used in this earnings release and the related conference call and/or webcast to its most directly comparable financial measure prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP).

The non-GAAP financial measures used in this earnings release and related conference call and/or webcast differ from GAAP in that they include the immediate recognition of future expected revenues and the direct cost of products sold under the Company's OTA and PPA financing contracts. The Company's basis for these adjustments is described above. Management uses these non-GAAP financial measures to evaluate its ongoing operations and for internal planning, budgeting, forecasting and business management purposes. The Company has provided these non-GAAP financial measures in addition to GAAP financial results because it believes it is useful for its investors to review, as applicable, information that both includes and excludes the expected future revenue and income contribution from its OTAs and PPAs in order to assess the relative performance of Orion's business.

Management uses certain non-GAAP financial measures when evaluating the Company's operating performance and believes that such measures are useful to investors and financial analysts in assessing the Company's operating performance due to the following factors:

- The Company believes that its presentation of non-GAAP measures that adjust for the financial impact of the mis-match under GAAP between the immediate operating expense recognition for most OTA and PPA sales activities and contract administration costs and the deferral of revenue recognition and the related income from such contracts on a monthly basis over the contract term provides investors and financial analysts with a consistent basis for comparison across accounting periods and, therefore, are useful in helping them to better understand the Company's relative operating results and underlying operational trends.
- The Company's anticipated continuing increase in the volume of its product sales through OTA and PPA financing contracts as a percentage of overall customer contracts signed, compared to cash purchases, will continue to reduce near-term GAAP revenue and operating income as a result of the mis-match of contract operating expenses and revenues, and will continue to impact the ability of investors and financial analysts to compare financial performance across accounting periods.

These non-GAAP financial measures are not prepared in accordance with GAAP. These measures may differ from the non-GAAP information, even where similarly titled, used by other companies and, therefore, should not be used to compare the Company's performance to that of other companies. There are significant limitations associated with the use of non-GAAP financial measures. The additional non-GAAP financial information presented above should be considered in conjunction with, and not as a substitute for or superior to, the financial information presented in accordance with GAAP (such as revenue, net income (loss) and earnings per share).

Orion Energy Systems, Inc. Supplemental Information Fiscal 2011 Second Quarter and Six Months Ended September 30, 2010 October 26, 2010

On October 26, 2010, Orion Energy Systems, Inc. issued an earnings press release announcing financial results for its fiscal 2011 second quarter and year-to-date period ended September 30, 2010. The purpose of the supplemental information included below is to provide further discussion and analysis of the Company's financial results for the second quarter and first half of fiscal 2011. Therefore, the accompanying information provided below should be read in conjunction with the earnings press release issued by the Company.

#### **Statement of Operations**

**Contracted Revenue.** Total contracted revenue increased from \$20.3 million for the fiscal 2010 second quarter, which included \$2.4 million of future potential gross revenue streams associated with OTA contracts, to \$29.2 million for the fiscal 2011 second quarter, which included \$5.3 million of future potential gross revenue streams associated with OTAs, an increase of \$8.9 million, or 44%. The increase in contracted revenue from the prior year's second quarter was due to increased order activity of renewable technologies through our Orion Engineered Systems division and an increase in completed OTAs as customers continue to be constrained by limited capital budgets.

Total contracted revenue increased from \$35.8 million for the fiscal 2010 first half, which included \$4.7 million of future potential gross revenue streams associated with OTAs, to \$48.0 million for the fiscal 2011 first half, which included \$7.6 million of future potential gross revenue streams associated with OTAs and \$1.9 million of discounted potential revenue from PPAs, an increase of \$12.2 million, or 34%. We attribute this improvement in contracted revenues to an improved economic environment versus the first half of fiscal 2010.

For the second quarter and first half of fiscal 2011, we recognized \$500,000 and \$700,000, respectively, of revenue from completed OTAs. As of September 30, 2010, we had signed 127 customers to OTAs representing future potential gross revenue streams of \$13.9 million. In the future, we expect an increase in the volume of OTAs as our customers continue to take advantage of our value proposition without incurring up-front capital cost.

The total amount of potential future gross GAAP revenue to be recognized from the combined OTAs and the discounted potential future value of PPAs as of September 30, 2010 was \$17.3 million, an increase of 37% compared to the \$12.6 million as of June 30, 2010. The roll-forward of potential future gross GAAP revenue from these financed contracts since the beginning of fiscal 2011 is as follows (in thousands):

Future GAAP revenue expected to be recognized – March 31, 2010	\$ 8,769
Q1 – New OTA (gross) and PPA (discounted) contracted revenue	4,155
Q1 – GAAP revenue recognized from OTAs and PPAs	(339)
Future GAAP revenue expected to be recognized – June 30, 2010	\$ 12,585
Q2 – New OTA (gross) and PPA (discounted) contracted revenue	5,309
Q2 – GAAP revenue recognized from OTAs and PPAs	 (614)
Future GAAP revenue expected to be recognized – September 30, 2010	\$ 17,280

The timing of expected future GAAP revenue recognition from OTAs and PPAs (and resulting operating cash inflows), assuming that all renewal periods will be exercised over the term of the contracts, was as follows as of September 30, 2010 (in thousands):

Fiscal 2011 (remaining)	\$ 1,869
Fiscal 2012	3,926
Fiscal 2013	3,548
Fiscal 2014	3,176
Thereafter	4,761
	\$ 17,280

**Revenue.** Product revenue decreased from \$13.7 million for the fiscal 2010 second quarter to \$12.9 million for the fiscal 2011 second quarter, a decrease of \$0.8 million, or 6%. The decrease in product revenue was a result of a large influx of orders at the end of September which were not able to be produced and shipped within the quarter. The backlog of cash orders at the end of the fiscal 2011 second quarter was \$13.7 million compared to \$3.6 million at the end of the fiscal 2011 first quarter. Service revenue decreased from \$0.9 million for the fiscal 2010 second quarter to \$0.8 million for the fiscal 2011 second quarter, a decrease of \$0.1 million or 11%. The decrease in service revenue was a result of the continued percentage increase of total revenue to our wholesale channels where services are not provided, a trend that we expect to continue. The wholesale channels accounted for 53% of total revenue during the fiscal 2011 second quarter, compared to 43% in the second quarter of fiscal 2010.

Product revenue increased from \$24.4 million for the fiscal 2010 first half to \$26.4 million for the fiscal 2011 first half, an increase of \$2.0 million, or 8%. The increase in product revenue was a result of increased sales of our HIF lighting systems. Service revenue decreased from \$2.8 million for the fiscal 2010 first half to \$2.0 million for the fiscal 2011 first half, a decrease of \$0.8 million or 29%. The decrease in service revenue was a result of the continued percentage increase of total revenues to our wholesale channels where services are not provided, a trend that we expect to continue. While we were encouraged by the improvement in first half fiscal 2011 revenues versus the prior year first half, we believe that our product and service revenues continue to be impacted by a lengthened sales cycle in the marketplace.

*Backlog.* Total cash order backlog as of September 30, 2010 was \$13.7 million versus \$3.6 million as of June 30, 2010. We generally expect this level of firm purchase order cash backlog to be converted into GAAP revenue within the following quarter. The roll-forward of cash backlog since the beginning of fiscal 2011 is as follows (in millions):

Backlog – March 31, 2010	\$ 3.2
Q1 – Plus: Cash orders	14.7
Q1 – Less: GAAP revenue recognized	(14.7)
Q1 – Plus: Other miscellaneous	0.4
Backlog – June 30, 2010	\$ 3.6
Q2 – Plus: Cash orders	23.9
Q2 – Less: GAAP revenue recognized	(13.7)
Q2 – Less: Other miscellaneous	(0.1)
Backlog – September 30, 2010	\$ 13.7

*Cost of Revenue and Gross Margin.* Our cost of product revenue decreased from \$9.2 million for the fiscal 2010 second quarter to \$8.3 million for the fiscal 2011 second quarter, a decrease of \$0.9 million, or 10%. Our cost of service revenue decreased from \$0.6 million for the fiscal 2010 second quarter to \$0.5 million for the fiscal 2011 second quarter, a decrease of \$0.1 million, or 17%. Total gross margin increased from 32.6% for the fiscal 2010 second quarter to 36.2% for the fiscal 2011 second quarter.

Our cost of product revenue decreased from \$17.1 million for the fiscal 2010 first half to \$16.8 million for the fiscal 2011 first half, a decrease of \$0.3 million, or 2%. Our cost of service revenue decreased from \$1.9 million for the fiscal 2010 first half to \$1.4 million for the fiscal 2011 first half, a decrease of \$0.5 million, or 26%. Total gross margin increased from 30.3% for the fiscal 2010 first half to 35.9% for the fiscal 2011 first half. The increase in gross margin was attributable to cost containment efforts through the reduction of direct and indirect headcounts, improved production efficiencies resulting from the reengineering of our assembly process, negotiated price decreases on raw material purchases and reductions in discretionary spending.

*General and Administrative.* Our general and administrative expenses decreased from \$3.1 million for the fiscal 2010 second quarter to \$3.0 million for the fiscal 2011 second quarter, a decrease of \$0.1 million, or 3%. The decrease was a result of \$0.1 million in reduced compensation costs resulting from headcount reductions, a \$0.1 million decrease in consulting and auditing services and \$0.1 million in discretionary spending reductions. These reductions were offset by increased legal expenses of \$0.2 million related to general corporate matters.

General and administrative expenses decreased from \$6.3 million for the fiscal 2010 first half to \$5.9 million for the fiscal 2011 first half, a decrease of \$0.4 million, or 6%. The decrease was a result of \$0.2 million in reduced compensation costs resulting from headcount reductions, a \$0.2 million decrease in consulting and auditing services, a \$0.2 million reduction in bad debt expense versus the prior year and \$0.2 million in discretionary spending reductions. These reductions were offset by increased legal expenses of \$0.5 million related to the settlement efforts of the class action litigation and general corporate matters.

*Sales and Marketing.* Our sales and marketing expenses increased from \$3.0 million for the fiscal 2010 second quarter to \$3.3 million for the fiscal 2011 second quarter, an increase of \$0.3 million, or 10%. The increase was a result of increased costs for advertising and marketing programs, and increased travel costs for customer site visits.

Our sales and marketing expenses increased from \$6.1 million for the fiscal 2010 first half to \$6.9 million for the fiscal 2011 first half, an increase of \$0.8 million, or 13%. The increase was a result of increased advertising and marketing expenses and commission expenses related to our efforts to expand our partner channels, increased travel costs for customer site visits and increased costs for participation in trade shows. Total sales and marketing headcount as of September 30, 2009 was 78. Total sales and marketing headcount as of September 30, 2010 was 79.

**Research and Development.** Our research and development expenses increased from \$0.5 million for the fiscal 2010 second quarter to \$0.6 million for the fiscal 2011 second quarter, an increase of \$0.1 million, or 20%. Our research and development expenses increased from \$0.9 million for the fiscal 2010 first half to \$1.2 million for the fiscal 2011 first half, an increase of \$0.3 million, or 33%. The increase was a result of headcount additions in our engineering and product development group and materials for new product development and testing. Expenses incurred within the quarter related to compensation costs for the development and support of new products, depreciation expenses for lab and research equipment and sample and testing costs related to the development of our new exterior lighting product initiatives.

*Interest Expense.* Our interest expense was relatively flat for the fiscal 2010 second quarter and first half versus the fiscal 2011 second quarter and first half. For the first half of fiscal 2010 and fiscal 2011, we capitalized \$21,000 and \$0 of interest for construction in progress, respectively.

*Interest Income.* Interest income decreased from \$0.1 million for the fiscal 2010 second quarter to \$6,000 for the fiscal 2011 second quarter, a decrease of \$0.1 million or 100%. Interest income decreased from \$0.2 million for the fiscal 2010 first half to \$16,000 for the fiscal 2011 first half, a decrease of \$0.2 million or 100%. The decrease in investment income was a result of less cash invested and a decrease in interest rates on our short-term investments.

*Income Taxes.* Our income tax benefit increased from a benefit of \$0.4 million for the fiscal 2010 second quarter to a benefit of \$1.8 million for the fiscal 2011 second quarter. Our income tax benefit increased from a benefit of \$0.8 million for the fiscal 2010 first half to a benefit of \$2.7 million for the fiscal 2011 first half. Our effective income tax rate for the fiscal 2010 first half was (16.5%), compared to (68.9%) for the fiscal 2011 first half. The change in our effective tax rate was due to the change in recognized benefits for non-deductible stock compensation expense, increases in non-deductible meals and entertainment related to sales and marketing initiatives, an increase in our state valuation allowance and a mix change in state tax rates.

#### **Statement of Cash Flows**

*Cash Flows Related to Operating Activities.* Cash used in operating activities primarily consists of net income adjusted for certain non-cash items; including depreciation and amortization, stock-based compensation expenses, income taxes and the effect of changes in working capital and other activities.

Cash used in operating activities for the first half of fiscal 2011 was \$5.3 million and consisted of net cash of \$3.5 million used for working capital purposes and a net loss adjusted for non-cash expense items of \$1.8 million. Cash used for working capital consisted of an increase of \$7.7 million in inventory for purchases described under the section below titled "Working Capital." Cash provided by working capital included \$3.0 million in collections for trade receivables and a \$1.5 million increase in accounts payable related to payment terms on inventory purchases during the fiscal 2011 second quarter.

Cash used in operating activities for the first half of fiscal 2010 was \$3.9 million and consisted of net cash of \$0.5 million used for working capital purposes and net loss adjusted non-cash expense items of \$3.4 million. Cash used for working capital purposes consisted of an increase of \$1.3 million in trade receivables and a \$2.3 million decrease in accounts payable resulting from payments to our vendors. These amounts were offset by a decrease of \$0.6 million in inventories resulting from reduced inventory purchases, a \$1.8 million decrease in prepaids resulting from refunds of deposits held under construction projects and for operating leases and the amortization of expenses and a \$0.7 million increase in accrued expenses resulting from increases in accrued severance costs, increases in accrued legal expenses and increased deposit payments for OTAs.

*Cash Flows Related to Investing Activities.* For the first half of fiscal 2011, cash used in investing activities was \$7.3 million. This included \$5.7 million invested in equipment provided to our customers under our OTA and PPA finance programs, \$2.0 million for capital improvements related to our information technology systems, renewable technologies, manufacturing and tooling improvements and facility investments, \$0.3 million for long-term investments and \$0.1 million for patent investments. Cash provided from investing activities included \$0.8 million related to an investment tax grant for a solar asset owned under our PPA finance program.

For the first half of fiscal 2010, cash provided by investing activities was \$1.5 million. This included \$5.6 million provided from the maturation of short-term investments, offset by cash flows used in investing activities of \$2.5 million for capital expenditures related to the technology center, operating software systems, and processing equipment for capacity and cost improvement measures and \$1.5 million for investment into OTA assets installed and operating at customer locations.

*Cash Flows Related to Financing Activities.* For the first half of fiscal 2011, cash flows provided by financing activities was \$2.6 million. This included \$2.7 million in new debt borrowings to fund OTA and capital projects and \$0.3 million received from stock option exercises. Cash flows used in financing activities included \$0.3 million for repayment of long-term debt and \$0.1 million for costs related to our new credit agreement.

For the first half of fiscal 2010, cash flows used in financing activities was \$0.3 million. This included \$0.4 million for common share repurchases and \$0.4 million used for the repayment of long-term debt, offset by cash flows provided by financing activities, which included proceeds of \$0.5 million received from stock option and warrant exercises.

#### **Working Capital**

Our net working capital as of September 30, 2010 was \$51.3 million, consisting of \$65.4 million in current assets and \$14.1 million in current liabilities. Our net working capital as of March 31, 2010 was \$55.7 million, consisting of \$67.9 million in current assets and \$12.2 million in current liabilities. Our inventories have increased from our prior fiscal year-end by \$7.7 million due to an increase in the level of our wireless control inventories of \$3.8 million based upon our Phase 2 initiatives, a \$1.9 million increase in solar panel inventories in anticipation of the receipt of customer purchase orders and a \$3.1 million increase in ballast component inventories. The vast majority of our wireless components are assembled overseas and require longer delivery lead times. In addition, overseas suppliers require deposit payments at time of purchase order. As of August 2010, we had completed our initial purchase investment in wireless component inventories.

During the fiscal 2011 first half, we continued to increase our inventory levels of key electronic components, specifically electronic ballasts, to avoid potential shortages and customer service issues as a result of lengthening supply lead times and product availability issues. We continue to monitor supply side concerns within the electronic components market and we may choose to purchase additional inventories and increase inventory safety stock levels in the future to mitigate customer service risks. We expect to ship our solar panel inventories to customers in our fiscal 2011 third quarter. We generally attempt to maintain at least a three-month supply of on-hand inventory of purchased components and raw materials to meet anticipated demand, as well as to reduce our risk of unexpected raw material or component shortages or supply interruptions. Our accounts receivables, inventory and payables may increase to the extent our revenue and order levels increase.

#### **Capital Spending**

We expect to incur approximately \$0.8 million in capital expenditures during the remainder of fiscal 2011, excluding capital to support expected continued OTA growth. We spent approximately \$2.0 million of capital expenditures in the fiscal 2011 first half on information technologies, renewable energy-related investments and other tooling and equipment for new products and cost improvements in our manufacturing facility. Our capital spending plans predominantly consist of the completion of projects that have been in place for several months and for which we have already invested significant capital. We consider the completion of our information systems critical to our long-term success and our ability to ensure a strong control environment over financial reporting and operations. We expect to finance these capital expenditures primarily through our existing cash, equipment secured loans and leases, to the extent needed, long-term debt financing, or by using our available capacity under our credit facility.

#### **Definition of Contracted Revenues**

Orion defines contracted revenues, which is a financial measurement not recognized under GAAP, as contracted revenue from firm customer purchase orders received, including both purchase orders payable immediately in cash and for potential future revenues expected to be realized under firm OTAs and discounted potential future revenues under PPAs. These contracts are expected to be paid by the Company's customers over the life of the OTAs and solar PPAs. For OTA and cash contracted revenues, Orion generally expects that it will begin to recognize GAAP revenue under the terms of the agreements within 90 days from the firm contract date. For PPA contracted revenues, Orion generally expects that it will begin to recognize GAAP revenue under the terms of the company's customers of the PPAs within 180 days from the firm contract date. Orion believes that total contracted revenues are a key financial metric for evaluating and measuring the Company's performance because the measure is an indicator of the Company's success in its customers' adoption and acceptance of the Company's energy products and services as it measures firm contracted revenue value, regardless of the contract's cash or deferred financing structure and the related different GAAP revenue recognition treatment.

Included below is a reconciliation of contracted revenues to revenues recognized under GAAP for the fiscal 2011 second quarter and fiscal year-to-date period ended September 30, 2010 (in millions).

	Three month September 3		 nths ended oer 30, 2010
Total contracted revenues	\$	29.1	\$ 48.0
Change in backlog (1)		(10.1)	(10.5)
Contracted revenue from OTAs and PPAs (2)		(5.3)	(9.5)
Other miscellaneous		—	0.4
Revenue – GAAP basis	\$	13.7	\$ 28.4

(1) Change in backlog reflects the (increase) or decrease in cash orders at the end of the respective period where product delivery or service performance has not yet occurred. GAAP revenue will be recognized when the performance conditions have been satisfied, typically within 90 days from the end of the period.

(2) Contracted revenues from OTAs and PPAs are subtracted to reconcile the GAAP revenue as recognition of GAAP revenue will occur in future periods.

#### Safe Harbor Statement

Certain matters discussed in this supplemental information are "forward-looking statements" intended to qualify for the safe harbors from liability established by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements may generally be identified as such because the context of such statements will include words such as "anticipate," "believe," "could," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "plan," "potential," "predict," "project," "should," "will," "would" or words of similar import. Similarly, statements that describe the Company's financial guidance or future plans, objectives or goals are also forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause results to differ materially from those expected, including, but not limited to, the following: (i) further deterioration of market conditions, including customer capital expenditure budgets; (ii) Orion's ability to compete in a highly competitive market and its ability to respond successfully to market competition; (iii) increasing duration of customer sales cycles; (iv) the market acceptance of Orion's products and services, including the increasing customer preferences to purchase the Company's products through its OTAs and PPAs rather than through cash purchases; (v) price fluctuations, shortages or interruptions of component supplies and raw materials used to manufacture Orion's products; (vi) loss of one or more key customers or suppliers, including key contacts at such customers; (vii) the increasing relative volume of the Company's product sales through its wholesale channel; (viii) a reduction in the price of electricity; (ix) the cost to comply with, and the effects of, any current and future government regulations, laws and policies; (x) increased competition from government subsidies and utility incentive programs; (xi) dependence on customers' capital budgets for sales of products and services; (xii) Orion's development of, and participation in, new product and technology offerings or applications; (xiii) legal proceedings, including the securities litigation pending against Orion; and (xiv) potential warranty claims. Shareholders, potential investors and other readers are urged to consider these factors carefully in evaluating the forward-looking statements and are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements made herein are made only as of the date of this supplemental information and Orion undertakes no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. More detailed information about factors that may affect our performance may be found in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which are available at <u>http://www.sec.gov</u> or at <u>http://www.oriones.com</u> in the Investor Relations section of our Web site.