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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

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

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 9, 2012**

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**ORION ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Wisconsin**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**01-33887**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**39-1847269**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**2210 Woodland Drive, Manitowoc, Wisconsin**  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**(920) 892-9340**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not Applicable**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01.    Other Events.

In August 2012, Orion Energy Systems, Inc. (the “Company”) received a subpoena issued by the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) requesting certain documents and information generally related to the Company’s financial reporting of its sales of solar photovoltaic systems, among other matters. The Company intends to fully cooperate with the SEC regarding this non-public, fact-finding inquiry. The SEC has informed the Company that this inquiry should not be construed as an indication that any violations of law have occurred or that the SEC has any negative opinion of any person, entity or security. The Company is unable to predict what action, if any, might be taken in the future by the SEC as a result of the matters that are the subject of the subpoena or what impact, if any, the cost of responding to the subpoena might have on the Company’s financial position, results of operations or cash flows. The Company does not intend to comment further on this matter unless and until this matter is closed or further action is taken by the SEC which, in the Company’s judgment, merits further comment or public disclosure.

**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: August 24, 2012

By:           /s/ Scott R. Jensen          

Scott R. Jensen

Chief Financial Officer