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May 21, 2004

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

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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): May 18, 2004

ORION POWER HOLDINGS, INC.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

1-16077  
(Commission File Number)

52-208764  
(IRS Emplo  
Identificatio

c/o RELIANT ENERGY, INC.  
1000 MAIN STREET  
HOUSTON, TEXAS  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

77002  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 497-3000

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ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

Attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein is the text of Reliant Energy, Inc.'s press release dated May 18, 2004. All of the outstanding stock of Orion Power Holdings, Inc. is owned by Reliant Energy, Inc.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits.

- 99.1 Press Release issued by Reliant Energy, Inc. dated May 18, 2004
- 99.2 Purchase and Sale Agreement by and between Orion Power Holdings, Inc. Reliant Energy, Inc., Great Lakes Power Inc. and Brascan Corporation dated as of May 18, 2004.

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SIGNATURE

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 POWER HOLDINGS, INC.  
(Registrant)

Date: May 21, 2004

By: /s/ Michael L. Jines

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Michael L. Jines  
Senior Vice President  
General Counsel and  
Corporate Secretary

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