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May 21, 2004

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 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): 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
Identification

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

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.

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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

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

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