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Form 8-K  
December 26, 2001

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

DECEMBER 26, 2001  
(Date of Earliest Event Reported)

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)

52-2087649  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

7 EAST REDWOOD STREET, 10TH FLOOR  
BALTIMORE, MD 21202  
(Address of principal executive offices, including Zip Code)

(410) 230-3500  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Item 5 - Other Events.

On December 26, 2001, Orion Power Holdings, Inc. and Reliant Resources, Inc. issued the joint press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 which is hereby incorporated by reference.

Item 7(c) - Exhibits.

99.1 Press release.

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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 Power Holdings, Inc.

Date: December 26, 2001

By: /s/ Scott B. Helm

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Name: Scott B. Helm  
Title: Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

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99.1 Press Release

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