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> 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

RELIANT ENERGY, INC. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE (State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission File Number) of Incorporation)

1-16455

76-065556 (IRS Emplo Identification

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.

- ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS
 - (c) Exhibits.
 - Press Release issued by Reliant Resources, 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.

RELIANT RESOURCES, INC. (Registrant)

Date: May 18, 2004 By: /s/ Michael L. Jines

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

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