

BALLARD POWER SYSTEMS INC  
Form 6-K  
January 12, 2006

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Form 6-K**

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16  
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

January 12, 2006

Commission File Number: 000-25270

**Ballard Power Systems Inc.**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Canada

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

4343 North Fraser Way  
Burnaby, BC  
V5J 5J9  
Canada

(Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F:  Form 20-F  Form 40-F

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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, thereunto duly authorized.

Ballard Power Systems Inc.

Date: January 12, 2006

By: Dave Smith

Name: Dave Smith

Title: Chief Financial Officer

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## EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Plug Power and Ballard Power Systems Awarded \$2M Program to Develop Advanced PEM Fuel Cell System

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