

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

(AMENDMENT NO.)*

Itron, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

46574110-6

(CUSIP Number)

August 6, 1997

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed.

- Rule 13d-1(b)
- Rule 13d-1(c)
- Rule 13d-1(d)

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
 I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Houston Industries Incorporated, I.R.S. Identification No. 74-0694415
d/b/a Reliant Energy, Incorporated

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a)

(b) [X]

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Texas

5 SOLE VOTING POWER
-0- shares

NUMBER OF
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY
EACH
REPORTING
PERSON
WITH:

6 SHARED VOTING POWER
1,502,547 shares

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
-0- shares

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
1,502,547 shares

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
1,502,547 shares

10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE
INSTRUCTIONS) []

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)
10.22% (based on a total number of shares outstanding as of
October 31, 1998 of 14,698,021, as stated on the cover page of
Itron, Inc.'s quarterly report on Form 10-Q for its quarterly
period ended September 30, 1998, as filed with the Securities
and Exchange Commission)

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
CO

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I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Reliant Energy Resources Corp., (formerly
NorAm Energy Corp.), I.R.S. Identification No. 76-0511406

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a) []

(b) [X]

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

5 SOLE VOTING POWER
-0- shares

NUMBER OF
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY
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EACH

6 SHARED VOTING POWER
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I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Arkla Finance Corporation, I.R.S. Identification No. 51-0347823

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a) []

(b) [X]

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

5 SOLE VOTING POWER
-0- shares

NUMBER OF
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY
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EACH
REPORTING
PERSON
WITH:

6 SHARED VOTING POWER
1,502,547 shares

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-0- shares

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ITEM 1.

Item 1(a) Name of Issuer: Itron, Inc.
Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's
Principal Executive Offices: 2818 North Sullivan Road
Spokane, Washington 99216-1897

ITEM 2.

Item 2(a) Names of Persons Filing: (i) Houston Industries
Incorporated d/b/a Reliant
Energy, Incorporated
(ii) Reliant Energy Resources
Corp. (formerly NorAm
Energy Corp.)
(iii) Arkla Finance Corporation
Item 2(b) Address of Principal
Business Office or,
if none, Residence: (i) and (ii): 1111 Louisiana,
Houston, Texas 77002
(iii): 1209 Orange Street,
Wilmington, Delaware 19801
Item 2(c) Citizenship: (i): Texas
(ii) and (iii): Delaware
Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities: Common Stock, no par value
Item 2(e) CUSIP Number: 46574110-6

ITEM 3.

IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULE SECTIONS 240.13D-1(B)
OR 240.13D-2(B) OR (C), Check WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A:

- (a) [] Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the
Act (15 U.S.C. 78o).
(b) [] Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15
U.S.C. 78c).
(c) [] Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of
the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
(d) [] Investment company registered under section 8 of the
Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).
(e) [] An investment adviser in accordance with
sections 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
(f) [] An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in
accordance with sections 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
(g) [] A parent holding company or control person in
accordance with sections 240.13d-1(b)(ii)(G);

- (h) [] A savings associations as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);
- (i) [] A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);
- (j) [] Group, in accordance with ss.240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J);

ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP.

- (a) Amount Beneficially Owned: 1,502,547 shares*
- (b) Percent of Class: 10.22%*
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
 - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: - 0 - shares*
 - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 1,502,547 shares*
 - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: - 0 - shares*
 - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 1,502,547 shares*

*The share amounts and the percentage figure stated in this Item 4. are provided for each of Houston Industries Incorporated, d/b/a Reliant Energy, Incorporated, Reliant Energy Resources Corp. and Arkla Finance Corporation.

ITEM 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS

If this statement is being filed to report to the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following [].

ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON.

Not applicable.

ITEM 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY

Not applicable.

ITEM 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Not applicable.

ITEM 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP

Not applicable.

ITEM 10. CERTIFICATION

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: March 8, 1999

HOUSTON INDUSTRIES INCORPORATED
d/b/a Reliant Energy, Incorporated

By: /s/ MARY P. RICCIARDELLO

Name: Mary P. Ricciardello
Title: Vice President and Comptroller

RELIANT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP.

By: /s/ MARY P. RICCIARDELLO

Name: Mary P. Ricciardello
Title: Vice President and Comptroller

ARKLA FINANCE CORPORATION

By: /s/ MARY P. RICCIARDELLO

Name: Mary P. Ricciardello
Title: Agent

ATTENTION: INTENTIONAL MISSTATEMENTS OR OMISSIONS OF FACT CONSTITUTE FEDERAL CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS (SEE 18 U.S.C. 1001).

EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBITS
NO.

DESCRIPTION

Exhibit 1 -- Joint Filing Agreement dated March 8, 1999 among Houston Industries Incorporated d/b/a Reliant Energy, Incorporated, Reliant Energy Resources Corp. and Arkla Finance Corporation

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

In accordance with Rule 13d-1(k) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the undersigned agree to the joint filing on behalf of each of them of a statement on Schedule 13G (including any and all amendments thereto) with respect to the common stock, no par value, of Itron, Inc., a Washington corporation, and further agree that this Joint Filing Agreement shall be included as an exhibit to such joint filings.

The undersigned further agree that each party hereto is responsible for the timely filing of such statement on Schedule 13G and any amendments thereto, and for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning such party contained therein; provided that no party is responsible for the completeness or accuracy of the information concerning the other parties, unless such party knows or has reason to believe that such information is inaccurate.

This Joint Filing Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original instrument, but all of such counterparts together shall constitute but one agreement.

In evidence thereof the undersigned, being duly authorized, hereby execute this Joint Filing Agreement this 8th day of March, 1999.

HOUSTON INDUSTRIES INCORPORATED
d/b/a Reliant Energy, Incorporated

By: /s/ MARY P. RICCIARDELLO

Name: Mary P. Ricciardello
Title: Vice President and Comptroller

RELIANT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP.

By: /s/ MARY P. RICCIARDELLO

Name: Mary P. Ricciardello
Title: Vice President and Comptroller

ARKLA FINANCE CORPORATION

By: /s/ MARY P. RICCIARDELLO

Name: Mary P. Ricciardello
Title: Agent