

BALLARD POWER SYSTEMS INC

Form 6-K

December 31, 2008

**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

December 2008

Commission File Number: 000-25270

Ballard Power Systems Inc.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Canada

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

9000 Glenlyon Parkway
Burnaby, BC
V5J 5J8
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: December 31, 2008

By: /s/ Glenn Kumoi

Name: Glenn Kumoi

Title: Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Ballard Confirms Close of Transaction to Strengthen Balance Sheet Through C\$41M Non-Dilutive Financing
