McClung Emily R Form 4 July 01, 2010

FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

Common

Stock

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * McClung Emily R

(Middle)

(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

MARINER ENERGY INC [ME]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

ONE BRIARLAKE PLAZA, SUITE 07/01/2010 2000, 2000 WEST SAM HOUSTON

X_ Officer (give title below)

Issuer

10% Owner Other (specify

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Street)

(State)

07/01/2010

(First)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Director

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

HOUSTON, TX 77042

PARKWAY SOUTH

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

(A)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Transaction(s)

or (Instr. 3 and 4) Price (D)

Code V Amount

121

D <u>(1)</u>

45,745

D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 1. Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. 5. | | 6. Date Exercisable and | | 7. Title and Amount of | |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|------------------------|--------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | TransactionNumber | | Expiration Date | | Underlying Securities | |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/Year) | | (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) Derivative | | e | | | |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | | | | |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | |
| | | | | | (A) or | | | | |
| | | | | | Disposed | | | | |
| | | | | | of (D) | | | | |
| | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | |
| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Amount |
| | | | | | | | | | or |
| | | | | | | Date | Expiration | Title | Number |
| | | | | | | Exercisable | Date | | of |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares |
| | | | | | () () | | | | |
| Employee | | | | | | | | | |
| Stock | | | | | | | | _ | |
| Option | \$ 14 | | | | | 03/02/2006 | 03/11/2015 | Common | 2,800 |
| - | Ψ 1 - | | | | | 03/02/2000 | 03/11/2013 | Stock | 2,000 |
| (right to | | | | | | | | | |
| buy) | | | | | | | | | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

McClung Emily R ONE BRIARLAKE PLAZA, SUITE 2000 2000 WEST SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY SOUTH HOUSTON, TX 77042

VP - Human Resources

Signatures

Emily R. McClung by Teresa G. Bushman pursuant to Power of Attorney dated March 4, 2010 (previously filed as Exhibit 24 to Ms. McClung's Form 3 filed on March 5, 2010)

07/01/2010

8. F Der Sec (Ins

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- On July 1, 2010, 333 shares of the issuer's common stock granted to the reporting person under the issuer's Stock Incentive Plan, as amended and restated from time to time (the "Plan"), vested. To satisfy withholding tax obligations in connection with the vesting, the issuer withheld the shares this Form reports were disposed. In accordance with the Plan, the number of shares withheld was determined by reference to the closing price per share of the issuer's common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on June 30, 2010 of \$21.48.

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