

MOLOHON RICHARD A

Form 4

May 23, 2006

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MOLOHON RICHARD A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE BRIARLAKE PLAZA, SUITE
2000, 2000 WEST SAM HOUSTON
PARKWAY SOUTH

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77042

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

MARINER ENERGY INC [ME]

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

05/23/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

VP- Reservoir Engineering

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D) (2)	Price
Common Stock	05/23/2006		A		14,500	A (2)	50,521

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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. F Der Sec (Ins
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14			Code V (A) (D)		03/02/2006 03/11/2015	Common Stock	Amount or Number of Shares 18,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MOLOHON RICHARD A ONE BRIARLAKE PLAZA, SUITE 2000 2000 WEST SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY SOUTH HOUSTON, TX 77042			VP- Reservoir Engineering	

Signatures

Richard A. Molohon by Teresa Bushman pursuant to Power of Attorney dated May 9, 2006
(previously filed as Exhibit 24 to Mr. Molohon's Form 3/A filed May 23, 2006) 05/23/2006

__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).
- (1) The closing price per share of the issuer's common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on May 23, 2006 was \$16.59.
- (2) Shares of restricted stock granted on May 23, 2006 under the issuer's Amended and Restated Stock Incentive Plan, as amended. The shares vest 25% on each of the first four anniversaries of the date of grant.

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