

MOLOHON RICHARD A  
 Form 3/A  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 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)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â MOLOHON RICHARD A</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>ONE BRIARLAKE PLAZA,              SUITE 2000,Â 2000 WEST              SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY              SOUTH</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>HOUSTON,Â TXÂ 77042</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>05/09/2006</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>MARINER ENERGY INC [ME]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other                  (give title below) (specify below)                  VP - Reservoir Engineering</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>05/16/2006</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person  <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	36,021 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	Â

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	03/02/2006	03/11/2015	Common Stock	18,000	\$ 14	D	Â

## 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	Â	Â	Â VP - Reservoir Engineering	Â

## Signatures

Richard A. Molohon by Teresa G. Bushman pursuant to Power of Attorney dated May 9, 2006 and filed herewith as Exhibit 24. 05/23/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 Form 3 filed on May 15, 2006 reported ownership of 56,682 shares of common stock, which was the number of shares covered by a restricted stock grant under the issuer's Equity Participation Plan. When the restricted stock vested on March 2, 2006, the issuer withheld 20,661 shares to satisfy withholding tax obligations. Accordingly, this Form 3/A amends the Form 3 filed on May 15, 2006 to report that the amount of securities owned should be 36,021 shares of common stock.

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