

MARINER ENERGY INC  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**ARONSON BERNARD W**  
  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)  
**ACON INVESTMENTS LLC, 1133 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, NW, SUITE 700**  
  
 (Street)  
**WASHINGTON, DC 20036**  
  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**MARINER ENERGY INC [ME]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/28/2008**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
 (Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock	02/28/2008		S	1,000 (1) D \$ 28.71	199,244	I	See footnote 1
Common Stock	02/28/2008		S	900 (1) D \$ 28.72	198,344	I	See footnote 1
Common Stock	02/28/2008		S	200 (1) D \$ 28.73	198,144	I	See footnote 1
Common Stock	02/28/2008		S	200 (1) D \$ 28.74	197,944	I	See footnote 1
Common Stock	02/28/2008		S	100 (1) D \$ 28.76	197,844	I	See footnote 1

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Common Stock	02/28/2008	S	2,800 (1)	D	\$ 28.77	195,044	I	See footnote 1
Common Stock	02/28/2008	S	900 (1)	D	\$ 28.78	194,144	I	See footnote 1
Common Stock	02/28/2008	S	7,000 (1)	D	\$ 28.8	187,144	I	See footnote 1
Common Stock	02/28/2008	S	300 (1)	D	\$ 28.82	186,844	I	See footnote 1
Common Stock	02/28/2008	S	300 (1)	D	\$ 28.83	186,544	I	See footnote 1
Common Stock	02/28/2008	S	1,800 (1)	D	\$ 28.84	184,744	I	See footnote 1
Common Stock	02/28/2008	S	400 (1)	D	\$ 28.85	184,344	I	See footnote 1
Common Stock	02/28/2008	S	100 (1)	D	\$ 28.86	184,244	I	See footnote 1
Common Stock	02/28/2008	S	200 (1)	D	\$ 28.89	184,044	I	See footnote 1
Common Stock						13,895	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)

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ARONSON BERNARD W ACON INVESTMENTS LLC 1133 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, NW, SUITE 700 WASHINGTON, DC 20036		X		

**Signatures**

/s/ Bernard W. Aronson by Teresa G. Bushman pursuant to Power of Attorney dated March 1, 2006 (previously filed as Exhibit 24 to Mr. Aronson's Form 3 filed on March 6, 2006). 02/28/2008

\*\*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) Represents shares held by ACON E&P, LLC ("LLC"). The reporting person is a managing member of LLC. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities held by LLC, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein

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