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Form 3  
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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)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Â McClung Emily R  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/02/2010

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

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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

ONE BRIARLAKE PLAZA,  
SUITE 2000,Â 2000 WEST  
SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY  
SOUTH  
(Street)

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer  Other  
(give title below) (specify below)  
VP - Human Resources

HOUSTON,Â TXÂ 77042  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock                       | 29,467   | 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<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(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)<br>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        | 2,800                      | \$ 14                        | D  | Â          |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                        |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                | Other |
| McClung Emily R<br>ONE BRIARLAKE PLAZA, SUITE 2000<br>2000 WEST SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY SOUTH<br>HOUSTON, TX 77042 | Â             | Â         | Â VP - Human Resources | Â     |

## Signatures

Emily R. McClung by Teresa G. Bushman pursuant to Power of Attorney dated March 4, 2010 and filed herewith as Exhibit 24. 03/05/2010

\_\_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).

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