

LOWDEN STEVEN J

Form 4

March 11, 2005

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 *
LOWDEN STEVEN J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O MARATHON OIL
CORPORATION, 5555 SAN
FELIPE ROAD

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77056

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

MARATHON OIL CORP [MRO]

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

03/10/2005

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)

Sr. V.P.-Bus. Dev./Int. Gas

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)
COMMON STOCK	03/10/2005		M	20,000	(A) or (D) \$ 26.4688	55,026	D
COMMON STOCK	03/10/2005		S	6,000	D \$ 45.31	49,026	D
COMMON STOCK	03/10/2005		S	300	D \$ 45.27	48,726	D
COMMON STOCK	03/10/2005		S	2,400	D \$ 45.26	46,326	D
COMMON STOCK	03/10/2005		S	1,100	D \$ 45.25	45,226	D

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COMMON STOCK	03/10/2005	S	2,000	D	\$ 45.23	43,226	D
COMMON STOCK	03/10/2005	S	6,400	D	\$ 45.2	36,826	D
COMMON STOCK	03/10/2005	S	800	D	\$ 45.16	36,026	D
COMMON STOCK	03/10/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 45.15	35,026	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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (Right to Buy) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 26.4688	03/10/2005		M ⁽²⁾	20,000	12/20/2001 12/20/2010	COMMON STOCK
STOCK APPRECIATION RIGHT ⁽¹⁾	\$ 26.4688	03/10/2005		M ⁽²⁾	20,000	12/20/2001 12/20/2010	COMMON STOCK

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LOWDEN STEVEN J C/O MARATHON OIL CORPORATION 5555 SAN FELIPE ROAD HOUSTON, TX 77056			Sr. V.P.-Bus. Dev./Int. Gas	

Signatures

By: R. J. Kolencik, Attorney-in-Fact for Steve J.
Lowden

03/11/2005

__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) Vests in three cumulative, equal annual installments on December 20, 2001, 2002, and 2003.
- (2) Exercise of stock option and cancellation of tandem stock appreciation right.

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