

Peterson H Clayton
Form 4
November 10, 2010

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 *
Peterson H Clayton

(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)

11/10/2010

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
☐ 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	(D)	Price
Common Stock	11/10/2010		D		36,683	D	<u>11</u> 0

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				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

Peterson H Clayton
ONE BRIARLAKE PLAZA, SUITE 2000
2000 WEST SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY SOUTH
HOUSTON, TX 77042

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Signatures

H. Clayton Peterson by Scott D. Josey pursuant to Power of Attorney dated March 9, 2006
(previously filed as Exhibit 24 to Mr. Peterson's Form 3 filed on March 13, 2006).

11/10/2010

__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) Disposed of pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger between Apache Corporation ("Apache"), Apache Deepwater LLC and Mariner Energy, Inc., dated 4/14/2010, as amended (the "Merger Agreement"), on 11/10/2010, the effective date of the merger (the "Effective Date"). Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, Mariner stockholders could elect to receive the following consideration: (i) all stock consideration of 0.24347 share of Apache common stock for each share of Mariner common stock, subject to possible proration, (ii) all cash consideration of \$26.00 in cash for each share of Mariner common stock, subject to possible proration, and (iii) mixed consideration of \$7.80 in cash and 0.17043 share of Apache common stock for each share of Mariner common stock (the "Mixed Consideration"). If no election was made, the stockholder will receive the Mixed Consideration for Mariner common stock. Apache announced it expects to announce final results of merger consideration elections on 11/12/2010.

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