#### MARINER ENERGY INC

Form 4

March 13, 2008

## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading POLASEK DALTON F Issuer Symbol MARINER ENERGY INC [ME] (First) (Last) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director

03/11/2008

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

ONE BRIARLAKE PLAZA, SUITE 2000, 2000 WEST SAM HOUSTON **PARKWAY SOUTH** 

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

below) Chief Operating Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

\_X\_\_ Officer (give title

Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

HOUSTON, TX 77042

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Securi	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired for(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
~			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	03/11/2008		S	14,533			246,131	D	
Common Stock	03/11/2008		S			\$ 27.51	241,405	D	
Common Stock	03/11/2008		S	1,442			239,963	D	
Common Stock	03/11/2008		S	2,574	D	\$ 27.53	237,389	D	
Common Stock	03/11/2008		S	5,636	D	\$ 27.54	231,753	D	

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Common \$ 231,354 03/11/2008 S D Stock

Execution Date, if

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

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year)

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6. Date Exercisable and

**Expiration Date** 

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

Security or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3) Price of (Instr. 8) Derivative Derivative Securities Security Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Amount or Date Expiration

5.

TransactionNumber

Title Number of Date Exercisable Code V (A) (D) Shares

**Employee** Stock

1. Title of

Derivative

\$ 14 Option

(right to buy)

Common 03/11/2008 03/11/2015 102,000 Stock

(9-02)

7. Title and Amount of

**Underlying Securities** 

# **Reporting Owners**

Conversion

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 10% Owner Officer Other Director

POLASEK DALTON F ONE BRIARLAKE PLAZA, SUITE 2000 2000 WEST SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY SOUTH HOUSTON, TX 77042

**Chief Operating Officer** 

### **Signatures**

Dalton F. Polasek by Teresa G. Bushman pursuant to Power of Attorney dated March 1, 2006 (previously filed as Exhibit 24 to Mr. Polasek's Form 4 filed on May 31, 2006)

03/13/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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