

MARINER ENERGY INC

Form 4

March 14, 2008

**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 \*  
**HANSEN JUDD A**

(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)

03/12/2008

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 below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Sr. VP-Shelf &amp; Onshore

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_X\_\_ 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	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/12/2008		M		3,586	A	\$ 14	132,156	D	
Common Stock	03/12/2008		S		1,989	D	\$ 27.5	130,167	D	
Common Stock	03/12/2008		S		50	D	\$ 27.51	130,117	D	
Common Stock	03/12/2008		S		10	D	\$ 27.52	130,107	D	
Common Stock	03/12/2008		S		50	D	\$ 27.53	130,057	D	

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Common Stock	03/12/2008	S	40	D	\$ 27.54	130,017	D
Common Stock	03/12/2008	S	80	D	\$ 27.55	129,937	D
Common Stock	03/12/2008	S	181	D	\$ 27.56	129,756	D
Common Stock	03/12/2008	S	181	D	\$ 27.57	129,575	D
Common Stock	03/12/2008	S	151	D	\$ 27.58	129,424	D
Common Stock	03/12/2008	S	30	D	\$ 27.59	129,394	D
Common Stock	03/12/2008	S	633	D	\$ 27.6	128,761	D
Common Stock	03/12/2008	S	191	D	\$ 27.61	128,570	D
Common Stock	03/13/2008	M	12,414	A	\$ 14	140,984	D
Common Stock	03/13/2008	S	9,996	D	\$ 27.5	130,988	D
Common Stock	03/13/2008	S	104	D	\$ 27.51	130,884	D
Common Stock	03/13/2008	S	246	D	\$ 27.52	130,638	D
Common Stock	03/13/2008	S	129	D	\$ 27.53	130,509	D
Common Stock	03/13/2008	S	194	D	\$ 27.54	130,315	D
Common Stock	03/13/2008	S	1,098	D	\$ 27.55	129,217	D
Common Stock	03/13/2008	S	39	D	\$ 27.56	129,178	D
Common Stock	03/13/2008	S	116	D	\$ 27.57	129,062	D
Common Stock	03/13/2008	S	13	D	\$ 27.58	129,049	D
Common Stock	03/13/2008	S	65	D	\$ 27.59	128,984	D
Common Stock	03/13/2008	S	414	D	\$ 27.6	128,570	D

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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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14	03/12/2008		M		3,586		03/11/2008	03/11/2015	Common Stock	3,586
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14	03/13/2008		M		12,414		03/11/2008	03/11/2015	Common Stock	12,414

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
HANSEN JUDD A ONE BRIARLAKE PLAZA, SUITE 2000 2000 WEST SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY SOUTH HOUSTON, TX 77042	Sr. VP-Shelf & Onshore

## Signatures

Judd A. Hansen by Teresa G. Bushman pursuant to Power of Attorney dated March 1, 2006 (previously filed as Exhibit 24 to Mr. Hansen's Form 4 filed on May 31, 2006)	03/14/2008
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

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