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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement MARINER ENERGY INC [ME] McClung Emily R (Month/Day/Year) 03/02/2010 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) ONE BRIARLAKE PLAZA. (Check all applicable) SUITE 2000, 2000 WEST SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY 10% Owner Director **SOUTH** _X__ Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group VP - Human Resources Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person HOUSTON, TXÂ 77042 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock 29,467 D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of

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

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) 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						
ONE BRIARLAKE PLAZA, SUITE 2000	â	â	VP - Human Resources	Â		
2000 WEST SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY SOUTH	Α	А	A VF - Human Resources	A		
HOUSTON. TX 77042						

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

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
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