

MARINER ENERGY INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ARONSON BERNARD W

 (Last) (First) (Middle)
ACON INVESTMENTS LLC, 1133 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, NW, SUITE 700

 (Street)
WASHINGTON, DC 20036

 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
MARINER ENERGY INC [ME]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
02/28/2008

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)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/28/2008 | | S | 1,000 (1) D \$ 28.71 | 199,244 | I | See footnote 1 |
| Common Stock | 02/28/2008 | | S | 900 (1) D \$ 28.72 | 198,344 | I | See footnote 1 |
| Common Stock | 02/28/2008 | | S | 200 (1) D \$ 28.73 | 198,144 | I | See footnote 1 |
| Common Stock | 02/28/2008 | | S | 200 (1) D \$ 28.74 | 197,944 | I | See footnote 1 |
| Common Stock | 02/28/2008 | | S | 100 (1) D \$ 28.76 | 197,844 | I | See footnote 1 |

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|--------------|------------|---|--------------|---|----------|---------|---|----------------|
| Common Stock | 02/28/2008 | S | 2,800 (1) | D | \$ 28.77 | 195,044 | I | See footnote 1 |
| Common Stock | 02/28/2008 | S | 900 (1) | D | \$ 28.78 | 194,144 | I | See footnote 1 |
| Common Stock | 02/28/2008 | S | 7,000 (1) | D | \$ 28.8 | 187,144 | I | See footnote 1 |
| Common Stock | 02/28/2008 | S | 300 (1) | D | \$ 28.82 | 186,844 | I | See footnote 1 |
| Common Stock | 02/28/2008 | S | 300 (1) | D | \$ 28.83 | 186,544 | I | See footnote 1 |
| Common Stock | 02/28/2008 | S | 1,800 (1) | D | \$ 28.84 | 184,744 | I | See footnote 1 |
| Common Stock | 02/28/2008 | S | 400 (1) | D | \$ 28.85 | 184,344 | I | See footnote 1 |
| Common Stock | 02/28/2008 | S | 100 (1) | D | \$ 28.86 | 184,244 | I | See footnote 1 |
| Common Stock | 02/28/2008 | S | 200 (1) | D | \$ 28.89 | 184,044 | I | See footnote 1 |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 13,895 | D | |

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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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| | | | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ARONSON BERNARD W ACON INVESTMENTS LLC 1133 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, NW, SUITE 700 WASHINGTON, DC 20036 | | X | | |

Signatures

/s/ Bernard W. Aronson by Teresa G. Bushman pursuant to Power of Attorney dated March 1, 2006 (previously filed as Exhibit 24 to Mr. Aronson's Form 3 filed on March 6, 2006). 02/28/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Represents shares held by ACON E&P, LLC ("LLC"). The reporting person is a managing member of LLC. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities held by LLC, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein

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