

LOWDEN STEVEN J  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
LOWDEN STEVEN J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
MARATHON OIL CORP [MRO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/10/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Sr. V.P.-Bus. Dev./Int. Gas

C/O MARATHON OIL CORPORATION, 5555 SAN FELIPE ROAD

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

HOUSTON, TX 77056

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code V	Amount		
COMMON STOCK	03/10/2005		M	A	\$ 20,000	55,026	D
COMMON STOCK	03/10/2005		S	D	\$ 45.31	49,026	D
COMMON STOCK	03/10/2005		S	D	\$ 45.27	48,726	D
COMMON STOCK	03/10/2005		S	D	\$ 45.26	46,326	D
COMMON STOCK	03/10/2005		S	D	\$ 45.25	45,226	D

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COMMON STOCK	03/10/2005	S	2,000	D	\$ 45.23	43,226	D
COMMON STOCK	03/10/2005	S	6,400	D	\$ 45.2	36,826	D
COMMON STOCK	03/10/2005	S	800	D	\$ 45.16	36,026	D
COMMON STOCK	03/10/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 45.15	35,026	D

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (Right to Buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 26.4688	03/10/2005		M <sup>(2)</sup>	20,000	12/20/2001 12/20/2010	COMMON STOCK	
STOCK APPRECIATION RIGHT <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 26.4688	03/10/2005		M <sup>(2)</sup>	20,000	12/20/2001 12/20/2010	COMMON STOCK	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LOWDEN STEVEN J C/O MARATHON OIL CORPORATION 5555 SAN FELIPE ROAD HOUSTON, TX 77056			Sr. V.P.-Bus. Dev./Int. Gas	

## Signatures

By: R. J. Kolencik, Attorney-in-Fact for Steve J.  
Lowden

03/11/2005

\_\_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) Vests in three cumulative, equal annual installments on December 20, 2001, 2002, and 2003.
  - (2) Exercise of stock option and cancellation of tandem stock appreciation right.

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