

MARINER ENERGY INC

Form 8-K

June 09, 2006

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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): June 8, 2006
MARINER ENERGY, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

Delaware

1-32747

86-0460233

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**One BriarLake Plaza, Suite 2000
2000 West Sam Houston Parkway South
Houston, Texas**

(Address of principal executive offices)

77042

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(713) 954-5500**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On June 8, 2006, Mariner Energy, Inc. (Mariner) and four of its executive officers amended their respective employment agreements. The amendments, among other things, increase certain severance payments by Mariner, including, without limitation, in connection with a change in control of Mariner (as defined therein). This change was made in connection with the promotion of each of these officers to Senior Vice President in April 2006. Three of these officers are named executive officers Mike C. van den Bold, Senior Vice President and Chief Exploration Officer, Judd A. Hansen, Senior Vice President Shelf and Offshore (Mariner Energy Resources, Inc., a subsidiary of Mariner, also is a party to Mr. Hansen s amended employment arrangements), and Teresa G. Bushman, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary. This summary of certain terms of these employment agreements is qualified in its entirety by reference to the employment agreements, as amended.

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Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

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| 10 .2 | Second Amended and Restated Employment Agreement by and among Mariner Energy, Inc., Mariner Energy Resources, Inc. and Judd Hansen, dated June 8, 2006. |
| 10 .3 | Amendment to Employment Agreement by and between Mariner Energy, Inc. and Teresa G. Bushman, dated as of June 8, 2006. |

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

MARINER ENERGY, INC.

Date: June 8, 2006

By: /s/ Scott D. Josey
Scott D. Josey,
Chairman of the Board, Chief
Executive
Officer and President

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