

MARINER ENERGY INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
GINNS JONATHAN J

 (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)
04/30/2008

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) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |
| Common Stock | 04/30/2008 | | A | 5,308 | A | 19,203 | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 184,044 | I |
| | | | | | | | See Footnote (2) |

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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5) |
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Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Jonathan J. Ginns by Teresa G. Bushman pursuant to Power of Attorney dated March 1, 2006 (previously filed as Exhibit 24 to Mr. Ginns' Form 4/A filed on April 4, 2006). 05/02/2008

__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).
 Shares of restricted stock granted on April 30, 2008 under the issuer's Second Amended and Restated Stock Incentive Plan. The shares vest one-third on each of the next three regularly-scheduled annual meetings of the issuer's stockholders following the date of grant. The number of shares granted was determined by reference to the closing price per share of the issuer's common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on April 29, 2008 of \$28.26.
- (2) 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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