Grigg Murray W Form 4 November 10, 2010

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Grigg Murray W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

below)

MARINER ENERGY INC [ME]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

ONE BRIARLAKE PLAZA, SUITE

11/10/2010

(Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

2000, 2000 WEST SAM HOUSTON

(Street)

(First)

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PARKWAY SOUTH

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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HOUSTON, TX 77042

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-De	erivative S	ecuriti	ies Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction(A) or Code (D)		urities Acquired Disposed of 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	11/10/2010		F	21,142	D	(1)	63,380	D	
Common Stock	11/10/2010		D	63,380	D	<u>(2)</u>	0	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underl	lying	Security	Secui
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address Other Director 10% Owner Officer

Grigg Murray W ONE BRIARLAKE PLAZA, SUITE 2000 2000 WEST SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY SOUTH HOUSTON, TX 77042

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Signatures

Murray W. Grigg by Scott D. Josey pursuant to Power of Attorney dated March 4, 2010 (previously filed as Exhibit 24 to Mr. Grigg's Form 3 filed on March 5, 2010)

11/10/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- 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).

On November 10, 2010, 64,945 shares of the issuer's common stock granted to the reporting person under the issuer's Stock Incentive Plan, as amended and restated from time to time (the "Plan"), vested. To satisfy withholding tax obligations in connection with the

- (1) vesting, the issuer withheld the shares this Form reports were disposed. In accordance with the Plan, the number of shares withheld was determined by reference to the closing price per share of the issuer's common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on November 9, 2010 of \$26.50.
 - Disposed of pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger between Apache Corporation ("Apache"), Apache Deepwater LLC and Mariner Energy, Inc., dated 4/14/2010, as amended (the "Merger Agreement"), on 11/10/2010, the effective date of the merger (the "Effective Date"). Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, Mariner stockholders could elect to receive the following consideration: (i) all
- stock consideration of 0.24347 share of Apache common stock for each share of Mariner common stock, subject to possible proration, (ii) all cash consideration of \$26.00 in cash for each share of Mariner common stock, subject to possible proration, and (iii) mixed consideration of \$7.80 in cash and 0.17043 share of Apache common stock for each share of Mariner common stock (the "Mixed Consideration"). If no election was made, the stockholder will receive the Mixed Consideration for Mariner common stock. Apache announced it expects to announce final results of merger consideration elections on 11/12/2010.

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