MARATHON OIL CORP

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(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Addre | • | _ | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MARATHON OIL CORP [MRO] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Other (specify below) V.PInvestor Rel./Public Aff. | | |
|---|------------|----------|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) C/O MARATH CORPORATIO FELIPE ROAD | N, 5555 SA | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/17/2006 | | | |
| HOUSTON, TX | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| | | | | | | 1 | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | | , |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|------------------|--------------------|--|---|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) 2A. Deemed Execution Date any (Month/Day/ | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (I) (Instr. 4) | |
| COMMON STOCK | 08/17/2006 | | M | 20,310 | A | \$ 32.52 | 45,522 | D | |
| COMMON STOCK | 08/17/2006 | | D | 13,752 | D | \$ 91.82 (1) | 31,770 | D | |
| COMMON STOCK | 08/17/2006 | | S | 600 | D | \$ 86.66 | 31,170 | D | |
| COMMON STOCK | 08/17/2006 | | S | 100 | D | \$ 86.62 | 31,070 | D | |
| | 08/17/2006 | | S | 1,300 | D | | 29,770 | D | |

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| COMMON STOCK | | | | | \$ 86.61 | |
|-----------------|------------|---|-------|---|--------------------|---|
| COMMON STOCK | 08/17/2006 | S | 3,300 | D | \$ 86.58 26,470 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 08/17/2006 | S | 3,000 | D | \$ 86.52 23,470 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 08/18/2006 | S | 6,558 | D | \$ 86.46 16,912 | 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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | Sec Acc or I (D) | curities quired (A) Disposed of str. 3, 4, | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and A |
|--|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|--|--------------------|---|
| | | | | Code V | ' (A) |) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (Right to Buy) | \$ 32.52 | 08/17/2006 | | M(2) | | 20,310 | 05/29/2002 | 05/29/2011 | COMMOI STOCK |
| STOCK APPRECIATION RIGHT | \$ 32.52 | 08/17/2006 | | M(2) | | 20,310 (1) | 05/29/2002 | 05/29/2011 | COMMOI STOCK |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| • 5 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| MATHENY VENNETH I | | | | | | |

MATHENY KENNETH L C/O MARATHON OIL CORPORATION 5555 SAN FELIPE ROAD HOUSTON, TX 77056

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By: R. J. Kolencik, Attorney-in-Fact for Kenneth L.

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08/21/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).
- Under the terms of the Stock Appreciation Right, the Stock Appreciation Right price is the highest fair market value of Marathon Oil
- (1) Corporation common stock during the ten day trading period commencing August 4, 2006. The highest fair market value during such ten day trading period was \$91.82.
- (2) Exercise of tandem SAR and cancellation of underlying stock option.

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