

MARINER ENERGY INC

Form 8-K

October 04, 2006

**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): October 3, 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)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On October 3, 2006, Mariner Energy, Inc. ( Mariner ) announced that it has made a material conventional shelf discovery in the High Island (HI) 116 #5ST1 well, drilled to a total measured depth of 14,683 / 13,150 true vertical depth (TVD). The well encountered approximately 540 of net TVD pay in thirteen sands. Completion operations are underway, with initial production anticipated later in the fourth quarter of 2006. HI 116 is part of the asset base Mariner acquired from Forest Oil Corporation in March 2006. Mariner has a 100% working interest and an approximate 72% net revenue interest in the well.

**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: October 3, 2006

By: /s/ Teresa G. Bushman  
Teresa G. Bushman,  
Senior Vice President and General  
Counsel

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