

MARATHON OIL CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MATHENY KENNETH L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O MARATHON OIL CORPORATION, 5555 SAN FELIPE ROAD

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77056

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
MARATHON OIL CORP [MRO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/17/2006

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)  
V.P.-Investor Rel./Public Aff.

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |          |        |   |  |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|----------|--------|---|--|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   | (A) or (D)                                 | Price    |        |   |  |
| 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 | 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  | \$ | 26,470 | D | 86.58 |
| COMMON STOCK | 08/17/2006 |  | S | 3,000 | D  | \$ | 23,470 | D | 86.52 |
| COMMON STOCK | 08/18/2006 |  | S | 6,558 | D  | \$ | 16,912 | D | 86.46 |

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |              |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date                                   | Title        |
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (Right to Buy)       | \$ 32.52   | 08/17/2006                           |  | M <sup>(2)</sup>               | 20,310  | 05/29/2002   | 05/29/2011  | COMMON STOCK |
| STOCK APPRECIATION RIGHT                   | \$ 32.52   | 08/17/2006                           |  | M <sup>(2)</sup>               | 20,310 <sup>(1)</sup>   | 05/29/2002   | 05/29/2011  | COMMON STOCK |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| MATHENY KENNETH L<br>C/O MARATHON OIL CORPORATION<br>5555 SAN FELIPE ROAD<br>HOUSTON, TX 77056 |               |           | V.P.-Investor Rel./Public Aff. |       |

## Signatures

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

08/21/2006

\_\_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).

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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