

MARINER ENERGY INC

Form 8-K

June 29, 2006

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**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): June 29, 2006  
MARINER ENERGY, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

<b>Delaware</b>	<b>1-32747</b>	<b>86-0460233</b>
(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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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On June 29, 2006, Mariner Energy, Inc. ( Mariner ) issued a press release announcing that Rick G. Lester, its Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, has indicated his intention to resign to pursue personal interests, with an anticipated effective date of approximately August 15, 2006, and that thereafter, he may serve on a consulting basis to facilitate a smooth transition. Mariner also announced that it has commenced a search for his successor. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits.

**Number Description**

99.1 Press release dated June 29, 2006.

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**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: June 29, 2006

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

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99.1	Press release dated June 29, 2006.