

USHER THOMAS J
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FORM 4

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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 *
USHER THOMAS J

(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)
05/10/2005

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)

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| COMMON STOCK | 05/10/2005 | | M | | 175,500 A \$ 34 | 180,512.15 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 05/10/2005 | | S | | 175,500 D \$ 49.1 (1) | 5,012.15 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 05/10/2005 | | M | | 325,000 A \$ 32.52 | 330,012.15 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 05/10/2005 | | S | | 325,000 D \$ 49.1 (1) | 5,012.15 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | | | | | | 11,009 | I Revocable Trust (2) |

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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 (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|--------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (Right to Buy) | \$ 34 | 05/10/2005 | | M ⁽³⁾ | 175,500 | 05/26/1999 | 05/26/2008 | COMMON STOCK |
| STOCK APPRECIATION RIGHT | \$ 34 | 05/10/2005 | | M ⁽³⁾ | 175,500 | 05/26/1999 | 05/26/2008 | COMMON STOCK |
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (Right to Buy) | \$ 32.52 | 05/10/2005 | | M ⁽³⁾ | 325,000 | 05/29/2002 | 05/29/2011 | COMMON STOCK |
| STOCK APPRECIATION RIGHT | \$ 32.52 | 05/10/2005 | | M ⁽³⁾ | 325,000 | 05/29/2002 | 05/29/2011 | COMMON STOCK |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| USHER THOMAS J C/O MARATHON OIL CORPORATION 5555 SAN FELIPE ROAD HOUSTON, TX 77056 | | X | | |

Signatures

By: R. J. Kolencik, Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas J. Usher 05/11/2005

**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 Corporation Common Stock during the ten day trading period commencing May 3, 2005. If the highest fair market value at the end of the ten day trading period exceeds \$49.10, the highest fair market value as of the date the reporting person exercised, an amended Form 4 will be filed to reflect the highest fair market value.
- (1)
 - (2) Revocable Trust Account governed by the Revocable Trust Agreement, dated July 3, 2001, pursuant to which the reporting person is the settlor, co-trustee with his spouse and beneficial owner of the shares held in said account.
 - (3) Exercise of tandem SAR and cancellation of underlying stock option.

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