

LOWDEN STEVEN J
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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 *
LOWDEN STEVEN 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)
03/10/2005

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)
Sr. V.P.-Bus. Dev./Int. Gas

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)			
				(A) or (D)	Price					
			Code	V	Amount					
COMMON STOCK	03/10/2005		M		20,000	A	\$ 26.4688	55,026	D	
COMMON STOCK	03/10/2005		S		6,000	D	\$ 45.31	49,026	D	
COMMON STOCK	03/10/2005		S		300	D	\$ 45.27	48,726	D	
COMMON STOCK	03/10/2005		S		2,400	D	\$ 45.26	46,326	D	
COMMON STOCK	03/10/2005		S		1,100	D	\$ 45.25	45,226	D	

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COMMON STOCK	03/10/2005	S	2,000	D	\$ 45.23	43,226	D
COMMON STOCK	03/10/2005	S	6,400	D	\$ 45.2	36,826	D
COMMON STOCK	03/10/2005	S	800	D	\$ 45.16	36,026	D
COMMON STOCK	03/10/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 45.15	35,026	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. 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)	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
						Code	V (A) (D)	
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (Right to Buy) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 26.4688	03/10/2005		M ⁽²⁾	20,000	12/20/2001 12/20/2010	COMMON STOCK	
STOCK APPRECIATION RIGHT ⁽¹⁾	\$ 26.4688	03/10/2005		M ⁽²⁾	20,000	12/20/2001 12/20/2010	COMMON STOCK	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LOWDEN STEVEN J C/O MARATHON OIL CORPORATION 5555 SAN FELIPE ROAD HOUSTON, TX 77056			Sr. V.P.-Bus. Dev./Int. Gas	

Signatures

By: R. J. Kolencik, Attorney-in-Fact for Steve J.
Lowden

03/11/2005

__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).
- (1) Vests in three cumulative, equal annual installments on December 20, 2001, 2002, and 2003.
 - (2) Exercise of stock option and cancellation of tandem stock appreciation right.

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