

MARINER ENERGY INC
Form 8-K
April 08, 2010

**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): April 8, 2010

MARINER ENERGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

1-32747
(Commission
File Number)

86-0460233
(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 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement, and Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

Mariner Energy, Inc. (Mariner) entered into Amendment No. 11, dated as of April 8, 2010, among Mariner and Mariner Energy Resources, Inc., as borrowers, the Lenders (as defined in the Credit Agreement described below), and Union Bank, N.A. (f/k/a Union Bank of California, N.A.), as administrative agent and as issuing lender (the

Amendment), which further amends the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of March 2, 2006, among the same parties (as so amended, the Credit Agreement). The Credit Agreement provides for a senior secured revolving credit facility of \$1.0 billion, including up to \$50.0 million in letters of credit, subject to a borrowing base which is redetermined periodically. The Amendment:

Increases the borrowing base by \$150 million to \$950 million until the next redetermination under the Credit Agreement,

Reschedules the regular periodic borrowing base redeterminations to begin in February and August of each year,

Gives Lenders an option to redetermine the borrowing base upon termination of hedge contracts with more than six months remaining in their original nominal term,

Increases the maximum permitted ratio of total debt to EBITDA (as defined in the Credit Agreement) to 3.50 to 1.0 from 2.50 to 1.0, and

Gives Mariner optionality to issue before January 1, 2011 up to \$400 million in additional unsecured debt with a non-default interest rate of up to 13% per annum (plus a maximum default rate of 3%) and a scheduled maturity date no earlier than March 2, 2015. Upon closing such a debt issuance, the borrowing base automatically would reduce by 25% of the aggregate principal amount of the debt issued until otherwise redetermined under the Credit Agreement.

A copy of the Amendment is attached as Exhibit 4.1 and incorporated herein by reference. The above description of the Credit Agreement is a summary and is qualified in its entirety by the complete text of the Amendment and the Credit Agreement which previously was filed.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) *Exhibits.*

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4.1	Amendment No. 11, dated as of April 8, 2010, among Mariner Energy, Inc. and Mariner Energy Resources, Inc., as Borrowers, the Lenders (as defined in the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of March 2, 2006, among Mariner Energy, Inc. and Mariner Energy Resources, Inc., as Borrowers, the Lenders party thereto from time to time, as Lenders, and Union Bank of California, N.A., as Administrative Agent and as Issuing Lender, as amended), and Union Bank, N.A. (f/k/a Union Bank of California, N.A.), as Administrative Agent for such Lenders and as Issuing Lender for such Lenders.
4.2*	Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of March 2, 2006, among Mariner Energy, Inc. and Mariner Energy Resources, Inc., as Borrowers, the Lenders party thereto from time to time, as Lenders, and Union Bank of California, N.A., as Administrative Agent and as Issuing Lender (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Mariner's Form 8-K filed on March 3, 2006).
4.3*	Amendment No. 1 and Consent, dated as of April 7, 2006, among Mariner Energy, Inc. and Mariner Energy Resources, Inc., as Borrowers, the Lenders party thereto, and Union Bank of California, N.A., as Administrative Agent for such Lenders and as Issuing Lender for such Lenders (incorporated by reference

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| 4.4* | Amendment No. 2, dated as of October 13, 2006, among Mariner Energy, Inc. and Mariner Energy Resources, Inc., as Borrowers, the Lenders party thereto, and Union Bank of California, N.A., as Administrative Agent for such Lenders and as Issuing Lender for such Lenders (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Mariner's Form 8-K filed on October 18, 2006). |
| 4.5* | Amendment No. 3 and Consent, dated as of April 23, 2007, among Mariner Energy, Inc. and Mariner Energy Resources, Inc., as Borrowers, the Lenders party thereto, and Union Bank of California, N.A., as Administrative Agent for such Lenders and as Issuing Lender for such Lenders (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Mariner's Form 8-K filed on April 24, 2007). |
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| 4.8* | Master Assignment, Agreement and Amendment No. 6, dated as of June 2, 2008, among Mariner Energy, Inc. and Mariner Energy Resources, Inc., as Borrowers, the Lenders party thereto, and Union Bank of California, N.A., as Administrative Agent for such Lenders and as Issuing Lender for such Lenders (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Mariner's Form 8-K filed on June 3, 2008). |
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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: April 8, 2010

By: /s/ Jesus G. Melendrez
Jesus G. Melendrez,
Senior Vice President,
Chief Commercial Officer,
Acting Chief Financial Officer and
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