

MARINER ENERGY INC

Form 8-K

August 07, 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): August 7, 2006**  
**MARINER ENERGY, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| <b>Delaware</b><br>(State or other jurisdiction of<br>incorporation or organization)  | <b>1-32747</b><br>(Commission<br>File Number) | <b>86-0460233</b><br>(I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |
| <b>One BriarLake Plaza, Suite 2000</b><br><b>2000 West Sam Houston Parkway South</b><br><b>Houston, Texas</b><br>(Address of principal executive offices) | <b>77042</b><br>(Zip<br>Code)                 |  |
| Registrant's telephone number, including area code: <b>(713) 954-5500</b><br>(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)                |   |  |

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**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition, and Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On August 7, 2006, Mariner issued a press release that announced financial results for the second quarter 2006 and provided an operational update. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) *Exhibits.*

| No.  | Description                         |
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| 99.1 | Press Release dated August 7, 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: August 7, 2006

By: /s/ Rick G. Lester  
Rick G. Lester,  
Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer

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