

LOWDEN STEVEN J
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LOWDEN STEVEN J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
MARATHON OIL CORP [MRO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/04/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Sr. V.P.-Bus. Dev./Int. Gas

C/O MARATHON OIL CORPORATION, 5555 SAN FELIPE ROAD

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

HOUSTON, TX 77056

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership: Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
COMMON STOCK	05/04/2005		M		12,033	A	\$ 25.515 47,059 D
COMMON STOCK	05/04/2005		S		733	D	\$ 47.13 46,326 D
COMMON STOCK	05/04/2005		S		11,300	D	\$ 47.08 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 Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.515	05/04/2005		M ⁽¹⁾	12,033	05/28/2004 ⁽²⁾	05/28/2013	COMMON STOCK
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 25.515	05/04/2005		M ⁽¹⁾	12,033	05/28/2004 ⁽²⁾	05/28/2013	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 05/05/2005

__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) Exercise of stock option and cancellation of tandem stock appreciation right.
- (2) Vests in three equal annual installments on May 28, 2004, 2005 and 2006.

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