

MATHENY KENNETH L
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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 *
 MATHENY KENNETH L

(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)
 09/13/2005

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)
 V.P.-Investor Rel./Public Aff.

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
COMMON STOCK	09/13/2005		M		15,466 A \$ 25.515	42,563	D
COMMON STOCK	09/13/2005		S		15,466 D \$ 66.59	27,097	D
COMMON STOCK	09/13/2005		S		200 D \$ 66.7	26,897	D
COMMON STOCK	09/13/2005		S		4,400 D \$ 66.64	22,497	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)
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.515	09/13/2005		M ⁽¹⁾	15,466	05/28/2004 ⁽²⁾ 05/28/2013	COMMON STOCK
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 25.515	09/13/2005		M ⁽¹⁾	15,466	05/28/2004 ⁽²⁾ 05/28/2013	COMMON STOCK

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MATHENY KENNETH L C/O MARATHON OIL CORPORATION 5555 SAN FELIPE ROAD HOUSTON, TX 77056			V.P.-Investor Rel./Public Aff.	

Signatures

By: R. J. Kolencik, Attorney-in-Fact for Kenneth L. Matheny
Date: 09/14/2005

**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 tandem SAR and cancellation of underlying stock option.
- (2) Vests in three equal annual installments on May 28, 2004, 2005 and 2006.

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