

MARATHON OIL CORP  
 Form 3  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Thill Howard J SR</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O MARATHON OIL CORPORATION,Â 5555 SAN FELIPE RD.</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>HOUSTON,Â TXÂ 77056</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>01/01/2008</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>MARATHON OIL CORP [MRO]</p> | <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>(give title below) (specify below)</p> <p>V.P.-Investor Rel./Public Aff.</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> | <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| COMMON STOCK                       | 3,462.592  | D   | Â  |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
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|                                      | Date Exercisable          | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares | Security   | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |   |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/30/2008 <sup>(1)</sup> | 05/30/2017      | COMMON STOCK | 9,000                      | \$ 61.05   | D                                     | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 06/01/2007 <sup>(2)</sup> | 06/01/2016      | COMMON STOCK | 4,268                      | \$ 37.8175 | D                                     | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 06/10/2008                | 06/10/2015      | COMMON STOCK | 2,134                      | \$ 25.835  | D                                     | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                                  |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                          | Other |
| Thill Howard J SR<br>C/O MARATHON OIL CORPORATION<br>5555 SAN FELIPE RD.<br>HOUSTON, TX 77056 | Â             | Â         | Â V.P.-Investor Rel./Public Aff. | Â     |

## Signatures

|  |            |
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| W. F. Schwind, Jr., Attorney-in-Fact for Howard J. Thill, Sr | 01/03/2008 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person                              | Date       |

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 May 30, 2008, 2009, and 2010.
- (2) Vests in three cumulative annual installments of 2,133, 2,133, and 2,134 shares on June 1, 2007, 2008, and 2009, respectively.

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