## Edgar Filing: MARATHON OIL CORP - Form 4

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| Form 4 or<br>Form 5  |                      | uant to  | Section 16  | (a) of                | tha                      | Socurition           | Evol    | hongo A               | at of 1024   | response                | 0.5                 |  |  |
| obligation   | ~ <b>^</b>           |  |             |                       |                          |                      |         | •                     | ct of 1934,<br>35 or Section                             |                         |                     |  |  |
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| See Instruction 1(b).  | ction                | 50(11)   |             | estine                | 1111 \                   | company i            | iet o   | 1 1 9 10              |  |                         |                     |  |  |
|  |                      |  |             |                       |                          |                      |         |                       |  |                         |                     |  |  |
| (Print or Type R   | esponses)            |  |             |                       |                          |                      |         |                       |  |                         |                     |  |  |
| 1 Name and Ad  | dress of Reporting F | Person *   | 2 Incur     | Nomo e                | nd '                     | Tiakar or Tr         | dina    | 5                     | Relationship of I  | Reporting Pers          | on(s) to            |  |  |
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *2. IssuerPHELPS MICHAEL E JSymbol |                      |  |             |                       |                          |                      |         |                       | Issuer   |                         |                     |  |  |
|  |                      |  | •           | HON                   | OII                      | L CORP []            | MRO     | n -                   |  |                         |                     |  |  |
| (Last)   | (First) (N           | liddle)  | 3. Date of  |                       |                          | -                    |         | -                     | (Check   | all applicable          | )                   |  |  |
|  |                      |  | (Month/Da   |                       |                          |                      |         |                       | _X Director 10% Owner                                    |                         |                     |  |  |
|  |                      |  | 01/02/20    | 2009 —                |                          |                      |         | <br>bel               | Officer (give the ow)                                    | itle Other below)       | r (specify          |  |  |
|  | TION, 5555 SAN       |  |             |                       |                          |                      |         | 001                   | .0w)   | below)                  |                     |  |  |
| FELIPE RD.   |                      |  |             |                       |                          |                      |         |                       |  |                         |                     |  |  |
|  | (Street)             |  | 4. If Amen  | ndment, Date Original |                          |                      |         | 6.                    | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check                |                         |                     |  |  |
| Filed(Month  |                      |  |             |                       |                          |                      |         |                       | pplicable Line)<br>X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person |                         |                     |  |  |
| HOUSTON  | TV 77056             |  |             |                       |                          |                      |         | _^                    | _ Form filed by Mo                                       |                         |                     |  |  |
| HOUSTON,   | 1A //030             |  |             |                       |                          |                      |         | Per                   | rson   |                         |                     |  |  |
| (City)   | (State) (            | Zip)   | Table       | I - Nor               | 1-De                     | erivative Sec        | curitie | s Acquire             | ed, Disposed of,   | or Beneficiall          | y Owned             |  |  |
| 1.Title of   | 2. Transaction Date  | e 2A. Dee  | emed        | 3.                    |                          | 4. Securitie         | s Acqu  | uired (A)             | 5. Amount of   | 6.                      | 7. Nature of        |  |  |
| Security   | (Month/Day/Year)     | Executi<br>any                                     | on Date, if |                       | actio                    | nor Disposed         |         |                       | Securities   | Ownership               | Indirect            |  |  |
| (Instr. 3)   |                      | Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)<br>h/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) |             |                       |                          |                      |         | Beneficially<br>Owned | Form:<br>Direct (D)                                      | Beneficial<br>Ownership |                     |  |  |
|  |                      | (  |             | (                     | ~)                       |                      |         |                       | Following  | or Indirect             | (Instr. 4)          |  |  |
|  |                      |  |             |                       |                          |                      | (A)     |                       | Reported   | (I)<br>(Instr. 4)       |                     |  |  |
|  |                      |  |             | ~ .                   |                          |                      | or      |                       | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                       |                         |                     |  |  |
| COMMON   |                      |  |             | Code                  | V                        | Amount               | (D)     | Price<br>\$           |  |                         |                     |  |  |
| STOCK  | 01/02/2009           |  |             | A <u>(1)</u>          |                          | 4,313.32             | А       | ф<br>28.98            | 4,313.32   | 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 (<br>Derivati<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | ve Conversion<br>or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transac<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8 | <ol> <li>5.</li> <li>5.</li> <li>5.</li> <li>5.</li> <li>6.</li> <li>6.</li> <li>7.</li> <li>7</li></ol> | 5                   | Date               | 7. Titl<br>Amou<br>Under<br>Secur<br>(Instr. | int of<br>rlying                       | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secu<br>Bene<br>Owno<br>Follo<br>Repo<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
|--|------------------------------|---|---|------------------------------------|--|---------------------|--------------------|--|--|---|--|
|  |                              |   |   | Code                               | V (A) (D)  | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |  |

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## **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |            |         |       |  |  |  |
|--|---------------|------------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner  | Officer | Other |  |  |  |
| PHELPS MICHAEL E J<br>C/O MARATHON OIL CORPORATION<br>5555 SAN FELIPE RD.<br>HOUSTON, TX 77056 | Х             |            |         |       |  |  |  |
| Signatures   |               |            |         |       |  |  |  |
| R. J. Kolencik, Attorney-in-Fact for Michae<br>Phelps  | el E. J.      | 01/05/2009 |         |       |  |  |  |
| <u>**</u> 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).
- Annual Non-Retainer Common Stock Award granted under Marathon Oil Corporation 2007 Incentive Compensation Plan. The annual
   non-retainer stock-based compensation represented by these common stock units are credited to an unfunded account and are payable in shares of common stock upon reporting person's retirement from the Board of Directors.

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