

MARINER ENERGY INC

Form 8-K

June 29, 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): June 29, 2006
MARINER ENERGY, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

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| Delaware | 1-32747 | 86-0460233 |
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) | (Commission File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |

**One BriarLake Plaza, Suite 2000
2000 West Sam Houston Parkway South
Houston, Texas**

(Address of principal executive offices)

77042

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(713) 954-5500**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On June 29, 2006, Mariner Energy, Inc. (Mariner) issued a press release announcing that Rick G. Lester, its Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, has indicated his intention to resign to pursue personal interests, with an anticipated effective date of approximately August 15, 2006, and that thereafter, he may serve on a consulting basis to facilitate a smooth transition. Mariner also announced that it has commenced a search for his successor. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

Number Description

99.1 Press release dated June 29, 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: June 29, 2006

By: /s/ Teresa G. Bushman
Teresa G. Bushman,
Senior Vice President and General
Counsel

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| 99.1 | Press release dated June 29, 2006. |