

LOWDEN STEVEN J

Form 4

May 05, 2005

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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

(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)

05/04/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

Sr. V.P.-Bus. Dev./Int. Gas

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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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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