

TORTOISE ENERGY INDEPENDENCE FUND, INC.
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â MARINER REAL ESTATE PARTNERS III, LLC | | (Month/Day/Year) | TORTOISE ENERGY INDEPENDENCE FUND, INC. [NDP] | |
| (Last) | (First) | 07/31/2012 | | |
| 4200 WEST 115TH STREET,Â SUITE 100 | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| (Street) | | (Check all applicable) | | |
| LEAWOOD,Â KSÂ 66211 | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Affiliate | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Shares | 0 | 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 (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MARINER REAL ESTATE PARTNERS III, LLC 4200 WEST 115TH STREET SUITE 100 LEAWOOD, KS 66211 | Â | Â | Â | Affiliate |
| MARINER REAL ESTATE PARTNERS III A, LLC 4200 WEST 115TH STREET SUITE 100 LEAWOOD, KS 66211 | Â | Â | Â | Affiliate |
| MONTAGE SECURITIES, LLC 4200 W 115TH STREET, SUITE 100 LEAWOOD, KS 66211 | Â | Â | Â | Affiliate |
| Cohen Realty Services, Inc. TWO NORTH LASALLE STREET SUITE 800 CHICAGO, IL 60602 | Â | Â | Â | Affiliate |
| Cohen Financial Equities LLC TWO NORTH LASALLE STREET SUITE 800 CHICAGO, IL 60602 | Â | Â | Â | Affiliate |
| Cohen Financial, L.P. TWO NORTH LASALLE STREET SUITE 800 CHICAGO, IL 60602 | Â | Â | Â | Affiliate |
| CFC Transactions, L.L.C. TWO NORTH LASALLE STREET SUITE 800 CHICAGO, IL 60602 | Â | Â | Â | Affiliate |
| MREM Cohen GP, LLC 4200 W. 115TH STREET SUITE 100 LEAWOOD, KS 66211 | Â | Â | Â | Affiliate |
| MREM Cohen LP, LLC 4200 W. 115TH STREET SUITE 100 LEAWOOD, KS 66211 | Â | Â | Â | Affiliate |
| | Â | Â | Â | Affiliate |

MREC FUNDING, LLC
4200 W 115TH ST
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LEAWOOD, KS 66211

Signatures

/s/ Martin Bicknell, on behalf of all
other

03/04/2013

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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