

MARINER ENERGY INC  
Form 8-K  
March 01, 2010

**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): March 1, 2010**

**MARINER ENERGY, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**1-32747**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**86-0460233**  
(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)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition, and Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On March 1, 2010, Mariner Energy, Inc. issued a press release that announced results for the year and fourth quarter ended December 31, 2009, provided an operational update, and gave information about a conference call to discuss these matters. The call is scheduled for March 1, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. Eastern Time (9:30 a.m. Central Time). A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) *Exhibits.*

| No.  | Description                       |
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| 99.1 | Press Release dated March 1, 2010 |

**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: March 1, 2010

By: /s/ R. Cris Sherman  
R. Cris Sherman,  
Vice President and Chief Accounting  
Officer

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