

MARATHON OIL CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
DAVIS WILLIAM L

(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)  
01/02/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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**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	01/02/2009		A <sup>(1)</sup>	V Amount \$ 4,313.32 (D) Price 28.98	31,454.341 <u>(2)</u>	D	
COMMON STOCK					2,000	I	By Revocable Trust <sup>(3)</sup>

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DAVIS WILLIAM L C/O MARATHON OIL CORPORATION 5555 SAN FELIPE ROAD HOUSTON, TX 77056		X		

## Signatures

R. J. Kolencik, Attorney-in-Fact for William L. Davis  
Date: 01/05/2009

\_\_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.
- (1) Includes dividends of 606.222 shares previously not reported pursuant to Rule 16a-11.
  - (2) Shares held by William L. Davis, not individually, but as trustee of the William L. Davis III Revocable Trust, or his successors in interest.
  - (3) The reporting person is the trustee and settlor of the William L. Davis III Revocable Trust pursuant to the William L. Davis III Revocable Trust Agreement dated June 5, 1992, as amended.

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