

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

## FORM 4

Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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### REPORTING OWNER

#### DAVIS WILLIAM L

CIK: **1012779**

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### ISSUER

#### MARATHON OIL CORP

CIK: **101778** | IRS No.: **250996816** | State of Incorporation: **DE** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**

SIC: **2911** Petroleum refining

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <b>DAVIS WILLIAM L</b>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>MARATHON OIL CORP [MRO]</b>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>01/03/2006</b>					
C/O MARATHON OIL CORPORATION, 5555 SAN FELIPE ROAD			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(Street) <b>HOUSTON, TX 77056</b>								
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

**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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
COMMON STOCK	01/03/2006		A	(1)	1,916.002	A	\$65.24	10,443.44 (2)	D	
COMMON STOCK								1,000	I	By Revocable Trust (3)

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Annual Director Stock Awards granted under Marathon Oil Corporation 2003 Incentive Compensation Plan. The annual non-retainer stock-based compensation represented by these common stock units vest upon reporting person's retirement from the Board of Directors. Shares of common stock will be issued upon vesting of common stock units.

2. Includes dividends of 161.746 shares previously not reported pursuant to Rule 16a-11.
3. Shares held by William L. Davis, not individually, but as trustee of the William L. Davis III Revocable Trust, or his successors in interest. 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.

**Signatures**

R. J. Kolencik, Attorney-in-Fact for William L. Davis

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

01/05/2006

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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