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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): November 4, 2008 MARINER ENERGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware1-3274786-0460233(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)(Commission (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

executive offices) (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):

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition, and Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On November 4, 2008, Mariner Energy, Inc. issued a press release that announced results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2008, provided an operational update, and gave information about a conference call to discuss these matters. The call is scheduled for November 5, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time (3:00 p.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

99.1 Press Release dated November 4, 2008.

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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: November 4, 2008 By: /s/ John H. Karnes

John H. Karnes,

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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No. Description 99.1 Press Release dated November 4, 2008.

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