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## **Your Rights Under Federal Law**

As a participant in the Marathon Oil Company Benefit Plans, you are entitled to certain rights and protections under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (“ERISA”). ERISA provides that all plan participants shall be entitled to:

### **Receive Information About Your Plans and Benefits**

Examine, without charge, at the plan administrator’s office and at other specified locations, such as worksites, all plan documents governing the plan, including insurance contracts, and a copy of the latest annual reports (Form 5500 Series) filed by the plans with the U.S. Department of Labor and available at the Public Disclosure Room of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.

Obtain, upon written request to the plan administrator, copies of documents governing the operation of the plans, including insurance contracts, and copies of the latest annual reports (Form 5500 Series) and updated summary plan descriptions. The administrator may make a reasonable charge for the copies.

Receive a summary of the plans’ annual financial reports. The plan administrator is required by law to furnish each participant with a copy of the summary annual reports.

Obtain a statement specifying whether you have a right to receive a pension at your normal retirement age, as defined in this summary plan description, and if so, what your benefits would be at your normal retirement age if you stop working under the plan now. If you do not have a right to a pension, the statement will tell you how many more years you must work to earn a right to a pension. This statement must be requested in writing and is not required to be given more than once every twelve (12) months. The plan must provide the statement free of charge.

### **Prudent Actions by Plan Fiduciaries**

In addition to creating rights for plan participants ERISA imposes duties upon the people who are responsible for the operation of the plans. The people who operate your plans, called “fiduciaries” of the plans, have a duty to do so prudently and in the interest of you and other plan participants and beneficiaries. No one, including your employer, or any other person, may fire you or otherwise discriminate against you in any way to prevent you from obtaining a (pension, welfare) benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA.

### **Enforce Your Rights**

If your claim for a (pension, welfare) benefit is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you have a right to know why this was done, to obtain copies of documents relating to the decision without charge, and to appeal any denial, all within certain time schedules.



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Under ERISA, there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request a copy of plan documents or the latest annual reports from the plans and do not receive them within 30 days, you may file suit in a Federal court. In such a case, the court may require the plan administrator to provide the materials and pay you up to \$110 a day until you receive the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the administrator. If you have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a state or Federal court. In addition, if you disagree with the plan's decision or lack thereof concerning the qualified status of a domestic relations order or a medical child support order, you may file suit in Federal court. If it should happen that plan fiduciaries misuse the plan's money, or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor, or you may file suit in a Federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful the court may order the person you have sued to pay these costs and fees. If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees, for example, if it finds your claim is frivolous.

## **Assistance With Your Questions**

If you have any questions about your plans, you should contact the respective plan administrator. If you have any questions about this statement or about your rights under ERISA, or if you need assistance in obtaining documents from the plan administrator, you should contact the nearest office of the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, listed in your telephone directory or the Division of Technical Assistance and Inquiries, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210. You may also obtain certain publications about your rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publications hotline of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.