

TORTOISE ENERGY INDEPENDENCE FUND, INC.  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â MARINER REAL ESTATE PARTNERS III, LLC		(Month/Day/Year)	TORTOISE ENERGY INDEPENDENCE FUND, INC. [NDP]	
(Last)	(First)	07/31/2012		
4200 WEST 115TH STREET,Â SUITE 100		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)	(Check all applicable)			
LEAWOOD,Â KSÂ 66211		<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below)    (specify below) Affiliate		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Shares	0	D	Â

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MARINER REAL ESTATE PARTNERS III, LLC 4200 WEST 115TH STREET SUITE 100 LEAWOOD, KS 66211	Â	Â	Â	Affiliate
MARINER REAL ESTATE PARTNERS III A, LLC 4200 WEST 115TH STREET SUITE 100 LEAWOOD, KS 66211	Â	Â	Â	Affiliate
MONTAGE SECURITIES, LLC 4200 W 115TH STREET, SUITE 100 LEAWOOD, KS 66211	Â	Â	Â	Affiliate
Cohen Realty Services, Inc. TWO NORTH LASALLE STREET SUITE 800 CHICAGO, IL 60602	Â	Â	Â	Affiliate
Cohen Financial Equities LLC TWO NORTH LASALLE STREET SUITE 800 CHICAGO, IL 60602	Â	Â	Â	Affiliate
Cohen Financial, L.P. TWO NORTH LASALLE STREET SUITE 800 CHICAGO, IL 60602	Â	Â	Â	Affiliate
CFC Transactions, L.L.C. TWO NORTH LASALLE STREET SUITE 800 CHICAGO, IL 60602	Â	Â	Â	Affiliate
MREM Cohen GP, LLC 4200 W. 115TH STREET SUITE 100 LEAWOOD, KS 66211	Â	Â	Â	Affiliate
MREM Cohen LP, LLC 4200 W. 115TH STREET SUITE 100 LEAWOOD, KS 66211	Â	Â	Â	Affiliate
	Â	Â	Â	Affiliate

MREC FUNDING, LLC  
4200 W 115TH ST  
STE 100  
LEAWOOD, KS 66211

## Signatures

/s/ Martin Bicknell, on behalf of all  
other

03/04/2013

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

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