

TORTOISE ENERGY INDEPENDENCE FUND, INC.  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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

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

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