

Merrick Aaron S. G.
Form 4
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Merrick Aaron S. G.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
APACHE CORP [APA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
2000 POST OAK BLVD., SUITE 100
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/11/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Vice President

HOUSTON, TX 77056

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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 ⁽¹⁾ | 05/11/2010 | | M ⁽²⁾ | 150 A \$ 0 | 3,474 | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 05/11/2010 | | F ⁽³⁾ | 40 D \$ 93.53 | 3,434 | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | 1,160.737 | I | Held by Trustee of 401(k) Plan |

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

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Restricted Stock / Units ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 0 ⁽⁵⁾ | 05/11/2010 | | M | 150 | ⁽²⁾ | ⁽²⁾ | Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 150 | \$ 0 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Merrick Aaron S. G. 2000 POST OAK BLVD. SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77056 | | | Vice President | |

Signatures

Aaron S. G. Merrick
05/12/2010

⁽¹⁾Signature of Reporting Person
Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
 - (1) The shares of common stock of Apache are deemed to also represent certain preferred stock purchase rights ('Rights'). The Rights are not currently exercisable or separately tradable and presently are evidenced by certificates for shares of the common stock. Value attributable to such Rights, if any, is reflected in the market price of the common stock.
 - (2) Vesting on 05/07/2010 of restricted stock units under employer plan - data provided by plan administrator on 05/11/2010 Vesting occurs 25% per year over four years.
 - (3) Shares withheld to cover required tax withholding on vesting of restricted stock effective as of 05/07/2010 - data provided by plan administrator on 05/11/2010.

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- (4) With tandem tax withholding right
- (5) One share of Apache common stock for each restricted stock unit.

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