

Merrick Aaron S. G.  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
ONE POST OAK CENTRAL, 2000  
POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 100

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/15/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice President

(Street)  
HOUSTON, TX 77056-4400

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 (D) Price			
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	01/15/2010		M	600 A \$ 0	2,832	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	01/15/2010		F	196 D \$ 107.66	2,636	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>					954.873	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. Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>	01/15/2010		A	1,800	<u>(4)</u> / <u>(4)</u>	Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	1,800
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>	01/15/2010		M	600	01/15/2010 / <u>(4)</u>	Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	600

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Merrick Aaron S. G. ONE POST OAK CENTRAL 2000 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77056-4400			Vice President	

## Signatures

Aaron S. G. Merrick 01/19/2010

            
\*\*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).

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) With tandem tax withholding right

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- (3) One share of Apache common stock for each restricted stock unit.
- (4) Restricted units granted 01/15/2010 under employer plan - data received from plan administrator on 01/19/2010. The units vest 1/3 on 01/15/2010, 01/15/2011, and 01/15/2012.

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