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# FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Ad Bedingfield J	*	rting Person *	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol APACHE CORP [APA]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(check all applicable)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
2000 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE			05/07/2010	_X_ Officer (give title Other (speci below)		
100				Vice President		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)		
HOUSTON, TX 77056				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	e Secu	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactionor Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	, , ,	
Common Stock (1)	05/10/2010		M(2)	5,200	A	\$ 28.775	11,133	D	
Common Stock (1)	05/10/2010		D(2)	5,200	D	\$ 97.17	5,933	D	
Common Stock (1)	05/10/2010		M(2)	3,900	A	\$ 42.68	9,833	D	
Common Stock (1)	05/10/2010		D(2)	3,900	D	\$ 97.1352	5,933	D	
Common Stock (1)							9,108.153	I	Held by Trustee of 401(k)

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Common Stock (1) 2,514.416	I	Held by Trustee of NQ 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)	e 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. NumborDerivative Securities Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 5)	ve es d (A) or d of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amc Underlying Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Ar or Nu of Sh
Restricted Stock / Units	\$ 0 (4)	05/07/2010		M	3,806		<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock (1)	3
Stock Appreciation / Rights - \$28.7750 (3)	\$ 28.775	05/10/2010		M		5,200	05/01/2007	05/01/2013	Common Stock (1)	5
Stock Appreciation / Rights - \$42.68 (3)	\$ 42.68	05/10/2010		M		3,900	05/06/2008	05/06/2014	Common Stock (1)	3
Option (Buy \$99.30) (3)	\$ 99.3	05/07/2010		M	9,416		<u>(6)</u>	05/05/2020	Common Stock (1)	9

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Bedingfield John R. 2000 POST OAK BLVD SUITE 100			Vice President				

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## **Signatures**

Cheri L. Peper, Attorney-in-Fact 05/11/2010

\*\*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) Exercise of stock appreciation rights, under employer plan, settled in cash.
- (3) With tandem tax withholding right
- (4) One share of Apache common stock for each restricted stock unit.
- (5) Restricted units granted 05/05/2010 under employer plan data received from plan administrator on 05/07/2010. The units vest 25% per year on 06/01/2011, 05/05/2012, 05/05/2013 and 05/05/2014.
- (6) Stock option granted 05/05/2010 under employer plan data received from the plan administrator on 05/07/2010. Exercisable ratably over four years beginning 05/05/2011.

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