

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)  
2000 POST OAK BLVD., SUITE 100  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/11/2010

\_\_\_\_ 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)  
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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 <sup>(1)</sup>     | 08/11/2010                           |  | M <sup>(2)</sup>               | 275 A \$ 0  | 4,495   | D  |   |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>     | 08/11/2010                           |  | F <sup>(3)</sup>               | 73 D \$ 95.95   | 4,422   | D  |   |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>     |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,243.423   | 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 or Value of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Restricted Stock / Units <sup>(4)</sup>    | \$ 0   | 08/11/2010                           |  | M                              | 275   | <u>(2)</u> <u>(2)</u>                                    | Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>                                   | 275 \$ 0  |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Cheri L. Peper,  
Attorney-in-Fact

08/12/2010

\_\_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

- (1) 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 08/07/2010 of restricted stock units under employer plan - data provided by plan administrator on 08/11/2010. Vesting occurs 25% per year over four years.
- (3) Shares withheld to cover required tax withholding on vesting of restricted stock units effective as of 08/07/2010 - data provided by plan administrator on 08/11/2010.

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(4) With tandem tax withholding right

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