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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SAUER JON W	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol APACHE CORP [APA]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specification) below) Vice President		
(Last) (First) (Middle) ONE POST OAK CENTRAL, 2000 POST OAK BOULEVARD, SUITE 100	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/15/2010			
(Street) HOUSTON, TX 77056-4400	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State) ((Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	or Beneficiall	y 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 Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)		5. Amount of Securities Ownership Form: Direct Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock (1)	01/15/2010		M	766	A	\$0	15,987	D	
Common Stock (1)	01/15/2010		F	251	D	\$ 107.66	15,736	D	
Common Stock (1)							4,325.2	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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units (2)	\$ 0 (3)	01/15/2010		A	2,300		<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock (1)	2,300
Restricted Stock Units (2)	\$ 0 (3)	01/15/2010		M		766	01/15/2010	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock (1)	766

Reporting Owners

HOUSTON, TX 77056-4400

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiationsnips					
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
SAUER JON W						
ONE POST OAK CENTRAL			Vice			
2000 POST OAK BOULEVARD, SUITE 100			President			

Signatures

Cheri L. Peper, Attorney-in-Fact

**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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