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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * French David L.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

APACHE CORP [APA]

(First) (Middle) (Last)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

2000 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE

(Street)

05/23/2012

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Vice President

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4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

Person

HOUSTON, TX 77056

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I)

(Instr. 4)

(9-02)

(Instr. 8) (A)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8 **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, and 5)	l of				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock / Units (1)	\$ 0	05/23/2012		A		2,120		(2)	(2)	Common Stock (3)	2,120
Option (Buy \$82.63) (1)	\$ 82.63	05/23/2012		A		5,617		<u>(4)</u>	05/22/2022	Common Stock (3)	5,617

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Vice President

French David L.

2000 POST OAK BLVD

SUITE 100

HOUSTON, TX 77056

Signatures

Cheri L. Peper, Attorney-in-Fact 05/24/2012

**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) With tandem tax withholding right
- (2) Restricted stock units granted 05/22/2012 under employer plan data received from plan administrator on 05/23/2012. The units vest 25% per year on 06/01/2013, 05/22/2014, 05/22/2015 and 05/22/2016.
- 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.
- (4) Stock option granted 05/22/2012 under employer plan data received from the plan administrator on 05/23/2012. Exercisable ratably over four years beginning 06/22/2013.

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