

FARRIS G STEVEN  
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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 \*  
**FARRIS G STEVEN**  
  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)  
**ONE POST OAK CENTRAL, 2000**  
**POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 100**  
  
 (Street)  
**HOUSTON, TX 77056-4400**  
  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**APACHE CORP [APA]**  
  
 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**01/04/2010**  
  
 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Chairman and CEO**  
  
 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	01/04/2010		M <sup>(2)</sup>	V Amount (A) or (D) Price	50,000 A \$ 0	599,303	D
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	01/04/2010		F <sup>(3)</sup>	V Amount (A) or (D) Price	18,288 D \$ 105.87	581,015	D
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>					300	I	By Son
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>					10,000	I	By Trust fbo Grandchildren
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>					3,450	I	By Trust fbo Son

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Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	51,829.155	I	Held by trustee of 401(k) plan
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	22,015.671	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)	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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(5)</sup>	01/04/2010		M	50,000	01/04/2010	01/02/2013	Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	50,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FARRIS G STEVEN ONE POST OAK CENTRAL 2000 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77056-4400	X		Chairman and CEO	

## Signatures

Cheri L. Peper,  
Attorney-in-Fact

01/05/2010

\_\_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).

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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.

Vesting on 01/04/2010 of restricted stock units pursuant to restricted stock unit award agreement under employer plan. Of these 50,000

- (2) shares, 30,000 shares (19,027 shares after tax withholding) will not be eligible for sale by Mr. Farris until such time as he retires as chief executive officer or otherwise terminates employment with the company.

- (3) Shares withheld to cover required tax withholding on vesting of restricted stock units effective as of 01/04/2010.

- (4) With tandem tax withholding right

- (5) One share of Apache common stock for each restricted stock unit.

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