French David L.
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2000 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 100

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77056

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
APACHE CORP [APA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/07/2010

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock (1)	05/10/2010		M(2)		300	A	$ 0	445.931	I	Held by Trustee 401(k) Plan
Common Stock (1)	05/10/2010		F(3)		80	D	$ 95.96	365.931	I	Held by Trustee 401(k) Plan
Common Stock (1)								1,081	D	

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)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock / Units [4]	$ 0 [5]	05/07/2010		M		1,793		[6]	[6]	Common Stock [1]	1,793
Restricted Stock / Units [4]	$ 0 [5]	05/10/2010		M			300	[2]	[2]	Common Stock [1]	300
Option (Buy $99.30) [4]	$ 99.3	05/07/2010		M		4,436		[7]	05/05/2020	Common Stock [1]	4,436

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
French David L. 2000 POST OAK BLVD SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77056			Vice President	

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).

(1) 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) Vesting on 05/06/2010 of restricted stock units under employer plan - data provided by plan administrator on 05/10/2010 Vesting occurs 25% per year over four years.

(3) Shares withheld to cover required tax withholding on vesting of restricted stock effective as of 05/06/2010 - data provided by plan administrator on 05/10/2010.

(4) With tandem tax withholding right

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

(6) 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.

(7) 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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