Merrick Aaron S. G.
Form 4
June 16, 2010

# 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 *
Merrick Aaron S. G.

(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)
06/14/2010

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) | 06/14/2010 | | M(2) | | 445 | A | $ 0 | 3,879 | D | |
| Common Stock (1) | 06/14/2010 | | F(3) | | 118 | D | $ 95.34 | 3,761 | D | |
| Common Stock (1) | | | | | | | | 1,160.737 | 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. D S (I |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Conditional Grant / ($81.00 Threshold) (4) | $ 0 | 06/14/2010 | | M | | | 445 | (2) | 07/14/2010 | Common Stock (1) | 445 | |

# 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 | 06/16/2010 |
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| **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)** $81.00 price threshold attained on 06/14/2007 under the terms of 2005 Share Appreciation Plan. Data for the 06/14/2010 vesting provided by the plan administrator on 06/15/2010. Grant vested one-fourth on each of 06/14/2007, 06/14/2008, 06/14/2009, and 06/14/2010, and vested portion distributed within 30 days of each such date.

**(3)** Shares used to cover required tax withholding on 06/14/2010 vesting of conditional grant. Data provided by the plan administrator on 06/15/2010.

**(4)** With tandem tax withholding right

**Remarks:**

Note: Also see attached Exhibit EX-24 Merrick POA.

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