

Merrick Aaron S. G.
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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 *
 Merrick Aaron S. G.

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 ONE POST OAK CENTRAL, 2000
 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 100
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/15/2010

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

HOUSTON, TX 77056-4400

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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	(D)	Price			
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	01/15/2010		M		600	A	\$ 0	2,832	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	01/15/2010		F		196	D	\$ 107.66	2,636	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾								954.873	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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- (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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