

SAUER JON W  
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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 \*  
SAUER JON W

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
2000 POST OAK BOULEVARD,  
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)  
05/22/2012

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)  
Vice President

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	05/22/2012		M <sup>(2)</sup>	1,585 A \$ 0	20,342	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>					4,471.954	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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Exempt acquisition pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d) - accrued under the deferred compensation provisions of Apache's Deferred Delivery Plan as of 05/22/2012 - data provided by the plan administrator on 05/23/2012.

- (5) Exempt transaction - units used to cover required tax withholding on a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3 as of 05/22/2012 - data provided by the plan administrator on 05/23/2012.
- (6) Exempt transaction - disposition to the issuer involving the settlement of a fractional unit in cash in connection with transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3 as of 05/22/2012 - data provided by the plan administrator on 05/23/2012.

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