

Gryder Rodney A.
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FORM 4

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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 *
Gryder Rodney A.

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/23/2012

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

Vice President, Audit

C/O APACHE CORPORATION, 2000 POST OAK BLVD., SUITE 100

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

HOUSTON, TX 77056-4400

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction of Derivative | 5. Number | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | 8. |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|---|--|----|
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | |
|---|--|----------------------|-----------------|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock / Units ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 0 ⁽²⁾ | 05/23/2012 | A | | 2,050 | | ⁽³⁾ | ⁽³⁾ | Common Stock ⁽⁴⁾ | 2,050 |
| Option (Buy \$82.63) ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 82.63 | 05/23/2012 | A | | 5,430 | | ⁽⁵⁾ | 05/22/2022 | Common Stock ⁽⁴⁾ | 5,430 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Gryder Rodney A. C/O APACHE CORPORATION 2000 POST OAK BLVD., SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77056-4400 | | | Vice President, Audit | |

Signatures

Cheri L. Peper,
Attorney-in-Fact
05/24/2012

 **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) With tandem tax withholding right
- (2) One share of Apache common stock for each restricted stock unit.
- (3) Restricted stock units granted 05/22/2012 under employer plan - data received from plan administrator on 05/23/2012. The units vest 25% per year on 06/01/2013, 05/22/2014, 05/22/2015 and 05/22/2016.
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.
- (5) Stock option granted 05/22/2012 under employer plan - data received from the plan administrator on 05/23/2012. Exercisable ratably over four years beginning 06/22/2013.

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