

PITMAN CHARLES J
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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 *
 PITMAN CHARLES J

(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)
 09/15/2012

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)
 Director

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|-------------|---|--------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 09/15/2012 | | M ⁽²⁾ | | 1,139 | A | \$ 0 | 25,079.7672 | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 09/15/2012 | | D ⁽³⁾ | | 456 | D | \$ 92.48 | 24,623.7672 | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | | | | 11,845.314 | I | Held by CJ Pitman Ltd Prtnrshp |

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 (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. Pr Deriv Secur (Instr. | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock / Units | \$ 0 ⁽⁴⁾ | 09/15/2012 | | M | 1,139 | ⁽²⁾ | ⁽²⁾ | Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 1,139 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PITMAN CHARLES J 2000 POST OAK BLVD. SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77056 | X | | Director | |

Signatures

Cheri L. Peper,
Attorney-in-Fact

09/17/2012

**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).

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.

(1) Vesting on 09/15/2012 of restricted stock units granted to each of Apache's non-employee directors under 2011 Omnibus Equity Compensation Plan.

(2) This transaction is not a sale. Exempt disposition to issuer of portion of restricted stock units payable in cash upon vesting. The 2011 Omnibus Equity Compensation Plan contained such provision when approved by stockholders in May 2011, and the restricted stock units contained such terms when granted under the terms of such plan. Of the total 1,139 restricted stock units that vested on 09/15/2012, 60 percent (683 restricted stock units) is payable in Apache common stock and 40 percent (456 restricted stock units) is payable in cash and

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is characterized in this report as a disposition to the issuer.

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

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