

Merrick Aaron S. G.  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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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)  
03/03/2010

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 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) 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<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock <sup>(1)</sup>        | 03/03/2010                              |                                                             | M <sup>(2)</sup>                     | 742 A \$ 0                                                          | 3,378                                                                                                              | D                                                                    |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock <sup>(1)</sup>        | 03/03/2010                              |                                                             | F <sup>(3)</sup>                     | 197 D \$<br>105.03                                                  | 3,181                                                                                                              | D                                                                    |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock <sup>(1)</sup>        |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                     | 1,113.163                                                                                                          | I                                                                    | Held by<br>Trustee of<br>401(k)<br>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. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Conditional Grant / (\$108 Threshold)<br>(4) | \$ 0                                                   | 03/03/2010                           |                                                    | M                              | 742                                                                                     | (2) (2)                                                  | Common Stock (1)                                              | 742 \$                                                      |

## 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

Aaron S. G. Merrick  
03/05/2010  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\*\*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

- (1) 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) \$108.00 price threshold attained on 02/29/2008 under the terms of 2005 Share Appreciation Plan - data for the 03/01/2010 vesting provided by the plan administrator on 03/03/2010. Grant vested or will vest one-fourth on each of 02/29/2008, 03/01/2009,

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03/01/2010, and 03/01/2011, and vested portion distributed within 30 days of each such date.

- (3) Shares used to cover required tax withholding on 03/01/2010 vesting of conditional grant - data provided by the plan administrator on 03/03/2010.
- (4) With tandem tax withholding right

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