Merrick Aaron S. G. Form 4 January 17, 2012

# FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(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]				ng	Issuer				
(Last) 2000 POST 100	2000 POST OAK BLVD., SUITE (Month/D 01/16/20			e of Earliest Transaction h/Day/Year) 5/2012				(Check all applicable)  Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Vice President			
HOLIGHON	(Street)			endment, Da nth/Day/Year)	_	l		6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by S	•	erson	
HOUSTON	, TX //056							Person		F8	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year	Execution (	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	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)	
Common Stock (1)	01/16/2012			M(2)	600	A	\$ 0	7,179	D		
Common Stock (1)	01/16/2012			F(3)	184	D	\$ 92.84	6,995	D		
Common Stock (1)								1,540.655	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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# 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. 5. Number Transactionof Code Derivative (Instr. 8) 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. Pri Deriv Secur (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock / Units (4)	\$ 0 (5)	01/16/2012		M	600	01/15/2012	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock (1)	600	\$

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Reporting Owner Manie / Address	

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Merrick Aaron S. G. 2000 POST OAK BLVD. SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77056

Vice President

## **Signatures**

Cheri L. Peper, Attorney-in-Fact

\*\*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.
- (2) Vesting on 01/15/2012 of restricted stock units under employer plan data provided by plan administrator on 01/16/2012.
- (3) Shares withheld to cover required tax withholding on vesting of restricted stock units effective as of 01/15/2012 data provided by plan administrator on 01/16/2012.
- (4) With tandem tax withholding right

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- (5) One share of Apache common stock for each restricted stock unit.
- (6) Granted under employer plan on 01/15/2010. Units vest 1/3 on 01/15/2010, 01/15/2011, and 01/15/2012.

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