

BENSON MICHAEL J
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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 *
BENSON MICHAEL J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE POST OAK CENTRAL, 2000
POST OAK BLVD., SUITE 100

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77056-4400

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
APACHE CORP [APA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/02/2007

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)
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	05/03/2007		M ⁽²⁾	650 A \$ 0	655.306	D	
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	05/03/2007		F ⁽³⁾	172 D \$ 73.29	483.306	D	
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>					6.237	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. 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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (Buy \$74.10) ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 74.1	05/02/2007		A	2,600	⁽⁵⁾	05/02/2017	Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	2,600
Restricted Stock Units ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 0 ⁽⁶⁾	05/02/2007		A	2,600	⁽⁷⁾	⁽⁷⁾	Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	2,600
Restricted Stock Units ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 0 ⁽⁶⁾	05/03/2007		M	650	⁽²⁾	⁽²⁾	Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	650

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BENSON MICHAEL J ONE POST OAK CENTRAL 2000 POST OAK BLVD., SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77056-4400			Vice President	

Signatures

Cheri L. Peper,
Attorney-in-Fact

05/04/2007

**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) 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

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to such Rights, if any, is reflected in the market price of the common stock.

- (2) Vesting on 05/01/07 of restricted stock units under employer plan - data provided by plan administrator on 05/03/07. Vesting occurs 25% per year over four years.
- (3) Shares withheld to cover required tax withholding on vesting of restricted stock - data provided by plan administrator on 05/03/07.
- (4) With tandem tax withholding right
- (5) Exercisable ratably over four years, beginning 05/02/2008.
- (6) One share of Apache common stock for each phantom stock unit.
- (7) Restricted units granted 05/01/2007 under employer plan - data received from plan administrator on 05/02/2007. The units vest 25% per year on 06/01/2008, 05/01/2009, 05/01/2010 and 05/01/2011.

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