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### FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MERELLI F H	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol APACHE CORP [APA]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
CIMAREX ENERGY CO., 1700 LINCOLN STREET, SUITE 1800	(Month/Day/Year) 09/14/2009	_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specibelow) Director			
(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			
DENVER, CO 80203		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State) (Z	Table	I - Non-De	erivative S	Securit	ties Acc	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transactio	4. Securi		r	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect	
(Instr. 3)	(Months Buy, 1 cur)	any	TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)			Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial		
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	4 and (A)	5)	Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4) Reported		Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock (1)	09/14/2009		M(2)	647	A	\$0	11,799	D		
Common Stock (1)							15,886	I	By IRA	

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)	4. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	Deri Secu Acqu (A) o Disp of (I	Expiration Date Underlyin (Instr. 3 and ecurities equired A) or isposed (F(D)) nstr. 3, 4,		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8. Price Deriva Securit (Instr. :	
			Code V	/ (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units (3)	\$ 0 (4)	09/14/2009	M		647	(2)	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock (1)	647	\$ (

#### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
<b>,</b> G	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
MERELLI F H						
CIMAREX ENERGY CO.	X		Director			
1700 LINCOLN STREET, SUITE 1800	Λ		Director			
DENVER, CO 80203						

#### **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 09/14/09 of restricted stock units granted to each of Apache's non-employee directors under 2007 Omnibus Equity Compensation Plan.
- (3) With tandem tax withholding right
- (4) One share of Apache common stock for each restricted stock unit.
- (5) Restricted stock units granted to each of Apache's non-employee directors under 2007 Omnibus Equity Compensation Plan, which plan was approved by stockholders in May 2007. The units vest 50% thirty days after grant date and 50% twelve months after grant date.

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