

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

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Merrick Aaron S. G.

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 2000 POST OAK BLVD., SUITE 100  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/23/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Vice President

HOUSTON, TX 77056

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. D
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock / Units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0	05/23/2012	A		2,120		<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock <sup>(3)</sup>	2,120
Option (Buy \$82.63) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 82.63	05/23/2012	A		5,617		<u>(4)</u>	05/22/2022	Common Stock <sup>(3)</sup>	5,617

### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	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

05/24/2012

\*\*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).
- (1) With tandem tax withholding right
  - (2) Restricted stock units granted 05/22/2012 under employer plan - data received from plan administrator on 05/23/2012. The units vest 25% per year on 06/01/2013, 05/22/2014, 05/22/2015 and 05/22/2016.  
  
The shares of common stock of Apache are deemed to also represent certain preferred stock purchase rights ('Rights'). The Rights are not
  - (3) 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.
  - (4) Stock option granted 05/22/2012 under employer plan - data received from the plan administrator on 05/23/2012. Exercisable ratably over four years beginning 06/22/2013.

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