

Merrick Aaron S. G.
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FORM 4

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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)
 12/06/2010

____ 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	12/06/2010		M	3,975 A \$ 71.88	8,397	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	12/06/2010		S	3,975 D \$ 115.8761 ⁽²⁾	4,422	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾					1,275.742	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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(3) With tandem tax withholding right

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