

EICHLER RODNEY J
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
EICHLER RODNEY J

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

HOUSTON, TX 77056

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
02/12/2012

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)
President and / Chief Operating Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial 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 Acquired | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | (A) or (D) | Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Share | |
|---|------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | | | | |
| Phantom Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 0 | 02/12/2012 | M | | 12,500 | | <u>(2)</u> | <u>(2)</u> | Common Stock ⁽³⁾ | 12,500 |
| Restricted Stock / Units ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 0 | 02/12/2012 | M | | | 12,500 | <u>(5)</u> | <u>(5)</u> | Common Stock ⁽³⁾ | 12,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------|-------------------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| EICHLER RODNEY J 2000 POST OAK BOULEVARD, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77056 | | | President and | Chief Operating Officer |

Signatures

Cheri L. Peper, 02/13/2012
 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).
- (1) One share of Apache common stock for each phantom stock unit.
- (2) Exempt acquisition pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d). Accrued under the deferred compensation provisions of Apache's Deferred Delivery Plan. 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) With tandem tax withholding right
- (5) Vesting on 02/12/2012 of restricted stock units pursuant to restricted stock unit award agreement under employer plan.

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