

APACHE CORP
Form 8-K
April 16, 2007

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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **April 11, 2007**

Apache Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

1-4300

(Commission
File Number)

41-0747868

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**2000 Post Oak Boulevard
Suite 100**

Houston, Texas 77056-4400

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(713) 296-6000**

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Underwriting Agreement

On April 11, 2007, Apache Corporation (Apache) entered into a Terms Agreement (and together with the Underwriting Agreement Basic Terms incorporated therein, the Underwriting Agreement) with Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and UBS Securities LLC, as the representatives of the several underwriters named therein (the Underwriters), for the purchase and sale of \$500,000,000 principal amount of 5.250% notes due 2013 (the Notes).

The Underwriting Agreement contains customary representations, warranties and agreements by Apache, and customary conditions to closing, indemnification obligations of Apache and the Underwriters, including for liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, other obligations of the parties and termination provisions. The foregoing description of the Underwriting Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Terms Agreement (including the Underwriting Agreement Basic Terms attached thereto as Annex A), a copy of which is filed herewith as Exhibit 1.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Notes

On April 16, 2007, Apache completed a public offering (the Offering) of the Notes. Apache registered the sale of the Notes with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) pursuant to a Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-141867), which became automatically effective on April 4, 2007. The net proceeds from the Offering of approximately \$495.8 million, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and expenses but before offering expenses, were used to repay a portion of our outstanding commercial paper, which was in part incurred to finance our recent transaction with Anadarko, as described in our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006 and our current report on Form 8-K filed on March 30, 2007. This repayment will reduce the principal amount of our outstanding commercial paper to approximately \$1.1 billion. As of April 9, 2007, we had approximately \$1.5 billion in principal amount of commercial paper outstanding bearing interest at an average weighted rate of 5.39 percent per annum.

The terms of the Notes are governed by the Indenture, dated as of February 15, 1996, between Apache and The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. (as successor-in-interest to JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., formerly known as The Chase Manhattan Bank), as trustee, as supplemented by the First Supplemental Indenture, dated November 5, 1996.

The form of the Note is filed herewith as Exhibit 4.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Relationships

The Underwriters have performed investment banking, corporate banking and advisory services for us from time to time for which they have received customary fees and expenses. The Underwriters may, from time to time, engage in transactions with and perform services for us in the ordinary course of their business.

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Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

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Exhibit 4.1	Form of 5.250% Note due 2013.
Exhibit 5.1	Opinion of Andrews Kurth LLP regarding the validity of the Notes.
Exhibit 23.1	Consent of Andrews Kurth LLP (included as part of Exhibit 5.1).

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

APACHE CORPORATION

Date: April 16, 2007

/s/ Roger B. Plank
Roger B. Plank
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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