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SECURITIES

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Instr. 3)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **OLSON W KREGG**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

APACHE CORP [APA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

(First)

(Street)

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

(Zip)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

2000 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE

05/24/2006

below) below)

100

Vice President

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

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

HOUSTON, TX 77056-4400

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. Pı Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Deri Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Secu any

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Ye	ear) (Instr. S	or Dispo	(Instr. 3, 4,					(Inst
			Code	V (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock Units (1)	\$ 0 (1)	05/24/2006	J	3.8139)	(2)	(2)	Common Stock (3)	3.8139	\$ 6

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

OLSON W KREGG 2000 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77056-4400

Vice President

Signatures

Cheri L. Peper, Attorney-in-Fact

05/24/2006

**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 as of 05/22/2006 data provided by the plan administrator on 05/24/2006.
- 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.

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