APACHE CORP Form 4 October 30, 2006

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading MITCHELL THOMAS L Issuer Symbol APACHE CORP [APA] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner Other (specify X\_ Officer (give title ONE POST OAK CENTRAL, 2000 10/30/2006 below) POST OAK BOULEVARD, SUITE Vice President and / Controller 100 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting HOUSTON, TX 77056-4400

	(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acqu	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
S	Title of Security Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired n(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
	Common Stock (1)	10/30/2006		M(2)	3,561	A	\$ 0	21,754	D	
	Common Stock (1)	10/30/2006		F	942 (3)	D	\$ 68.21	20,812	D	
	Common Stock (1)							29,601.039	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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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Cond Grant (\$51.95 Threshold)	\$ 0 (4)	10/30/2006		M	3,561	(2)	11/27/2006	Common Stock (1)	3,561

# **Reporting Owners**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MITCHELL THOMAS L ONE POST OAK CENTRAL 2000 POST OAK BOULEVARD, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77056-4400

Vice President Controller

and

## **Signatures**

Cheri L. Peper, Attorney-in-Fact

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date 
Description 
Descr

# **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).
- 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.
- \$51.95 price threshold attained on 10/26/04 under the terms of 2000 Share Appreciation Plan, data for final vesting provided by the plan (2) administrator on 10/30/06. Grant vested one-third on each of 10/26/04, 10/26/05 and 10/26/06, and vested portion distributed within 30 days of each such date.

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- (3) Shares used to cover required tax withholding on vesting of conditional grant.
- (4) With tandem tax withholding right

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