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December 21	, 2009										
FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION								PPROVAL 3235-0287			
Check this if no longe subject to Section 16 Form 4 or	er <b>STATEM</b>	ox STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES								Expires: January 31, 2005 Estimated average burden hours per response 0.5	
Form 5 obligation may contin <i>See</i> Instruct 1(b).	s Section 17(a	) of the Pub	olic Uti	· · /	ing Com	pany	Act o	ge Act of 1934, f 1935 or Sectio 40	on		
(Print or Type R	esponses)										
EICHLER RODNEY J Sym			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol APACHE CORP [APA]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First) (M	iddle) 3.	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				(Che	ck all applicable	e)		
				nth/Day/Year) 21/2009				Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Co-COO and President / - International			
HOUSTON	(Street) TX 77056-4400		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					<ul> <li>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</li> <li>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person</li> <li> Form filed by More than One Reporting</li> </ul>			
		7. )						Person			
(City)		Zip)			erivative S	ecuri	ties Aco	quired, Disposed o		-	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	any		Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A)			)	Securities Beneficially Owned	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)	12/21/2009			M(2)	679	А	\$0	21,701.457	D		
Common Stock (1)								12,764.455	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 iorDerivative 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
Phantom Stock Units <u>(3)</u>	\$ 0 <u>(3)</u>	12/21/2009		М		679	(2)	(2)	Common Stock (1)	679
Phantom Stock Units <u>(3)</u>	\$ 0 <u>(3)</u>	12/21/2009		F		445.7469	(4)	(4)	Common Stock (1)	445.7469
Phantom Stock Units (3)	\$ 0 <u>(3)</u>	12/21/2009		D		0.0244	(5)	(5)	Common Stock (1)	0.0244

## **Reporting Owners**

<b>Reporting Owner Name / Address</b>	Relationships						
	Director	Director 10% Owner Officer		Other			
EICHLER RODNEY J ONE POST OAK CENTRAL 2000 POST OAK BOULEVARD, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77056-4400			Co-COO and President	- International			

## Signatures

Cheri L. Peper, Attorney-in-Fact 12/21/2009

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

**Explanation of Responses:** 

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

Date

\*\* 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
 (1) 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.

- (2) Exempt transaction pursuant to Rule 16(b)-3 distribution under the provisions of Apache's Deferred Delivery Plan as of 12/18/2009 data provided by the plan administrator on 12/21/2009.
- (3) One share of Apache common stock for each phantom stock unit.

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- (4) Exempt transaction units used to cover required tax withholding on a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3 as of 12/18/2009 data provided by the plan administrator on 12/21/2009.
- (5) Exempt transaction disposition to the issuer involving the settlement of a fractional unit in cash in connection with transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3 as of 12/18/2009 data provided by the plan administrator on 12/21/2009.

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