

FARRIS G STEVEN  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**FARRIS G STEVEN**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 2000 POST OAK BLVD., 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)  
 12/09/2010

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)  
 Chairman and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	12/09/2010		M		39,587 A \$ 49.71	330,247	D
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	12/09/2010		S		39,587 D \$ 113.4195 <sup>(2)</sup>	290,660	D
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>						36.109	I Held by trustee of 401(k) plan
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>						11,385.529	I Held by Trustee of NQ Plan
						10,000	I

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Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>						By Trust fbo Grandchildren
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>				300	I	By Son
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>				3,450	I	By Trust fbo Son
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>				72 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	By Spouse
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>				26,217.48	I	Held in IRA

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. Transaction 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
Option - Buy <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 49.71	12/09/2010		M	39,587	07/12/2005 05/02/2011	Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	39,587	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FARRIS G STEVEN 2000 POST OAK BLVD. SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77056	X		Chairman and CEO	

## Signatures

Cheri L. Peper,  
Attorney-in-Fact

12/13/2010

\_\_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).

- 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) Weighted average price within a one dollar price range. Sale prices range from \$113.22 to \$113.82 per share. Upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price will be provided.
  - (3) The reporting person acquired beneficial ownership of these shares upon his marriage to the owner of the shares on September 29, 2010.
  - (4) With tandem tax withholding right

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