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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SAUER JON W

2000 POST OAK BOULEVARD,

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

APACHE CORP [APA]

(Middle) (Last) (First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

05/08/2012

(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

Vice President

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

Person

HOUSTON, TX 77056

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

SUITE 100

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (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 Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

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 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. Pri Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transactionof **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Deriv Code Security or Exercise any Derivative (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Secu

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquir (A) or Dispos (D) (Instr. and 5)	red sed of					(Instr
				Code V	/ (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock Units (1)	\$ 0	05/08/2012		M	491		<u>(2)</u>	(2)	Common Stock (3)	7(0)	\$
Phantom Stock Units (1)	\$ 0	05/08/2012		M	725		<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock (3)	1/75	\$
Phantom Stock Units (1)	\$ 0	05/08/2012		M	525		<u>(5)</u>	(5)	Common Stock (3)	525	\$
Restricted Stock / Units (6)	\$ 0	05/08/2012		M		491	<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common Stock (3)	491	\$
Restricted Stock / Units (6)	\$ 0	05/08/2012		M		725	<u>(8)</u>	<u>(8)</u>	Common Stock (3)	725	\$
Restricted Stock / Units (6)	\$ 0	05/08/2012		M		525	<u>(9)</u>	<u>(9)</u>	Common Stock (3)	525	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SAUER JON W

2000 POST OAK BOULEVARD, SUITE $100\,$

Vice President

HOUSTON, TX 77056

Signatures

Cheri L. Peper, Attorney-in-Fact 05/08/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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 Planeffective as of 05/05/2012. Data provided by the plan administrator on 05/08/2012.
- 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.
- (4) Exempt acquisition pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d). Accrued under the deferred compensation provisions of Apache's Deferred Delivery Planeffective as of 05/06/2012. Data provided by the plan administrator on 05/08/2012.
- (5) Exempt acquisition pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d). Accrued under the deferred compensation provisions of Apache's Deferred Delivery Planeffective as of 05/07/2012. Data provided by the plan administrator on 05/08/2012.
- (6) With tandem tax withholding right
- (7) Vesting on 05/05/2012 of restricted stock units under employer plan data provided by plan administrator on 05/08/2012. Vesting occurs 25% per year over four years.
- (8) Vesting on 05/06/2012 of restricted stock units under employer plan data provided by plan administrator on 05/08/2012. Vesting occurs 25% per year over four years.
- (9) Vesting on 05/07/2012 of restricted stock units under employer plan data provided by plan administrator on 05/08/2012. Vesting occurs 25% per year over four years.

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