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FORM 4

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

Common

Stock (1)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

French David L.		Symbol APACHE CORP [APA]					(Check all applicable)				
			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/07/2010					(Check all applicable) Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Vice President			
HOUSTON	(Street), TX 77056			ndment, Da hth/Day/Year)	U	1		6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by M Person		rson	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deem Execution any (Month/D	Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	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)	
Common Stock (1)	05/10/2010			M(2)	300	A	\$ 0	445.931	I	Held by Trustee 401(k) Plan	
Common Stock (1)	05/10/2010			F(3)	80	D	\$ 95.96	365.931	I	Held by Trustee 401(k) Plan	

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of tiorDerivative 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
Restricted Stock / Units (4)	\$ 0 (5)	05/07/2010		M	1,793		<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock (1)	1,793
Restricted Stock / Units (4)	\$ 0 (5)	05/10/2010		M		300	(2)	(2)	Common Stock (1)	300
Option (Buy \$99.30) (4)	\$ 99.3	05/07/2010		M	4,436		<u>(7)</u>	05/05/2020	Common Stock (1)	4,436

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

French David L. 2000 POST OAK BLVD

Vice President

SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77056

Signatures

Cheri L. Peper, Attorney-in-Fact 05/11/2010

**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).
- 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.
- (2) Vesting on 05/06/2010 of restricted stock units under employer plan data provided by plan administrator on 05/10/2010 Vesting occurs 25% per year over four years.
- (3) Shares withheld to cover required tax withholding on vesting of restricted stock effective as of 05/06/2010 data provided by plan administrator on 05/10/2010.
- (4) With tandem tax withholding right
- (5) One share of Apache common stock for each restricted stock unit.
- (6) Restricted units granted 05/05/2010 under employer plan data received from plan administrator on 05/07/2010. The units vest 25% per year on 06/01/2011, 05/05/2012, 05/05/2013 and 05/05/2014.
- (7) Stock option granted 05/05/2010 under employer plan data received from the plan administrator on 05/07/2010. Exercisable ratably over four years beginning 05/05/2011.

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