

EICHLER RODNEY J
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
EICHLER RODNEY J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
APACHE CORP [APA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE POST OAK CENTRAL, 2000
POST OAK BOULEVARD, SUITE
100

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/21/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Co-COO and President / - International

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

HOUSTON, TX 77056-4400

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 12/21/2009 | | M ⁽²⁾ | 679 A \$ 0 | 21,701.457 | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | 12,764.455 | I | Held by Trustee of 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. 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 |
| Phantom Stock Units ⁽³⁾ | \$ 0 ⁽³⁾ | 12/21/2009 | | M | 679 | ⁽²⁾ ⁽²⁾ | Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ 679 |
| Phantom Stock Units ⁽³⁾ | \$ 0 ⁽³⁾ | 12/21/2009 | | F | 445.7469 | ⁽⁴⁾ ⁽⁴⁾ | Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ 445.7469 |
| Phantom Stock Units ⁽³⁾ | \$ 0 ⁽³⁾ | 12/21/2009 | | D | 0.0244 | ⁽⁵⁾ ⁽⁵⁾ | Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ 0.0244 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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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 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).

- (1) 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) 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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