

EICHLER RODNEY J
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FORM 4

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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 *
EICHLER RODNEY J

(Last) (First) (Middle)
2000 POST OAK BOULEVARD,
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)
01/16/2012

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)
President and / Chief Operating Officer

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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	01/16/2012		M ⁽²⁾	3,300	A \$ 0	17,203.148	D
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	01/16/2012		F ⁽³⁾	1,076	D \$ 92.84	16,127.148	D
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾						12,935.549	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. 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)	8. F... Der... Sec... (In...
								Amount or Number of Shares
								Title
								Date Exercisable
								Expiration Date
								Code V (A) (D)
Restricted Stock / Units ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 0 ⁽⁵⁾	01/16/2012		M	3,300	01/15/2012 ⁽⁶⁾	Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	3,300

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
EICHLER RODNEY J 2000 POST OAK BOULEVARD, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77056			President and	Chief Operating Officer

Signatures

Cheri L. Peper, Attorney-in-Fact
 Date: 01/17/2012

⁽¹⁾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) Vesting on 01/15/2012 of restricted stock units under employer plan - data provided by plan administrator on 01/16/2012.
 - (3) Shares withheld to cover required tax withholding on vesting of restricted stock units effective as of 01/15/2012 - data provided by plan administrator on 01/16/2012.
 - (4) With tandem tax withholding right
 - (5) One share of Apache common stock for each restricted stock unit.

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(6) Granted under employer plan on 01/15/2010. Units vest 1/3 on 01/15/2010, 01/15/2011, and 01/15/2012.

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