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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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may continue. See Instruction See Instruction

1(b).

(Last)

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> CHAMBERS THOMAS P

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

APACHE CORP [APA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

Vice President, / Planning

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

(Street)

(First)

(Middle)

05/24/2006

(Month/Day/Year)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner ____ Selficer (give title ____ Other (specify below)

4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

Person

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

HOUSTON, TX 77056-4400

(City) (State) (Zip)

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date 2A.

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any Code Disposed of (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Indirect Owned (I) Following (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) Reported
Or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 2. 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. Property and Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative Expiration Date Underlying Securities Derivative

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		Secu (Inst
				Code V	Í	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock Units (1)	\$ 0 <u>(1)</u>	05/24/2006		J	1.9993		(2)	(2)	Common Stock (3)	1.9993	\$ 6

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		onships		
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	

CHAMBERS THOMAS P ONE POST OAK CENTRAL 2000 POST OAK BOULEVARD, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77056-4400

Vice President, Planning

Other

Signatures

Cheri L. Peper, Attorney-in-Fact 05/24/2006

**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) 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 Plan as of 05/22/2006 data provided by the plan administrator on 05/24/2006.
- 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.

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