APACHE CORP Form 4 August 23, 2006

## FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol APACHE CORP [APA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner

Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

(Street)

(State)

(First)

(Month/Day/Year) 08/23/2006

X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

(Middle)

(Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

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HOUSTON, TX 77056-4400

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

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Instr. 3)

(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 (I) Following (Instr. 4)

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

Reported (A) Transaction(s) 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)

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 1. Title of (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative Derivative Conversion

5. Number of

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** 

7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities (Month/D Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/	Year)	(Instr. 3 and	4)	S (]
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock Units (1)	\$ 0 (1)	08/23/2006		J	14.4983		(2)	(2)	Common Stock (3)	14.4983	

## **Reporting Owners**

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

SAUER JON W ONE POST OAK CENTRAL 2000 POST OAK BOULEVARD, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77056-4400

Vice President

# **Signatures**

Cheri L. Peper, Attorney-in-Fact 08/23/2006

\*\*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 08/22/2006 data provided by plan administrator on 08/23/2006.
- 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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