

MERELLI F H

Form 4

August 17, 2009

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MERELLI F H

(Last) (First) (Middle)

CIMAREX ENERGY CO., 1700  
LINCOLN STREET, SUITE 1800

(Street)

DENVER, CO 80203

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
08/14/2009

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)  
Director

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ 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**

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	08/14/2009		M <sup>(2)</sup>		750	A	\$ 0
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>							11,152
							15,886
						I	By IRA

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. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(4)</sup>	08/14/2009		M		750	<sup>(2)</sup>	<sup>(5)</sup> Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup> 750
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(4)</sup>	08/14/2009		A		1,294	<sup>(5)</sup>	<sup>(5)</sup> Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup> 1,294

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
MERELLI F H CIMAREX ENERGY CO. 1700 LINCOLN STREET, SUITE 1800 DENVER, CO 80203	X Director

## Signatures

Cheri L. Peper,  
Attorney-in-Fact 08/17/2009

\_\_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).

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.

(1) Vesting on 08/14/09 of restricted stock units granted to each of Apache's non-employee directors under 2007 Omnibus Equity Compensation Plan. Data received from the plan administrator on 08/17/09.

(2) With tandem tax withholding right

(3) One share of Apache common stock for each restricted stock unit.

(4) Restricted stock units granted to each of Apache's non-employee directors under 2007 Omnibus Equity Compensation Plan, which plan was approved by stockholders in May 2007. The units vest 50% thirty days after grant date and 50% twelve months after grant date.

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