

Hoyt Rebecca A  
Form 4  
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**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 \*  
Hoyt Rebecca A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE POST OAK CENTRAL, 2000  
POST OAK BLVD, 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)  
12/16/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_X\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)

Vice President / and Controller

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

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 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>	12/16/2009		M		800	A	\$ 56.73	5,691 D
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	12/16/2009		M		650	A	\$ 71.88	6,341 D
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	12/16/2009		M		1,650	A	\$ 74.1	7,991 D
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	12/16/2009		M <sup>(2)</sup>		950	A	\$ 42.68	8,941 D
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	12/16/2009		D <sup>(2)</sup>		950	D	\$ 101.61	7,991 D

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Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	12/16/2009	S	800	D	\$ 101.53	7,191	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	12/16/2009	S	650	D	\$ 101.6	6,541	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	12/16/2009	S	1,650	D	\$ 101.58	4,891	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>						10,991.194	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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Option (Buy \$56.73) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 56.73	12/16/2009		M	800	<sup>(4)</sup> 05/05/2015	Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup> 800
Option (Buy \$71.88) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 71.88	12/16/2009		M	650	<sup>(5)</sup> 05/03/2016	Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup> 650
Option (Buy \$74.10) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 74.1	12/16/2009		M	1,650	<sup>(6)</sup> 05/02/2017	Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup> 1,650
Stock Appreciation Rights - \$42.68 <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 42.68	12/16/2009		M	950	<sup>(7)</sup> 05/06/2014	Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup> 950

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Reporting Owners	

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Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

Hoyt Rebecca A  
ONE POST OAK CENTRAL  
2000 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 100  
HOUSTON, TX 77056

Vice President    and Controller

## Signatures

Cheri L. Peper,  
Attorney-in-Fact

12/17/2009

\_\_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

- (1) 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) Exercise of stock appreciation rights, under employer plan, settled in cash.
- (3) With tandem tax withholding right
- (4) Exercisable ratably over four years, beginning 05/05/2006
- (5) Exercisable ratably over four years, beginning 05/03/2007
- (6) Exercisable ratably over four years beginning 05/02/2008.
- (7) Exercisable ratably over four years, beginning 05/06/2005

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