

APACHE CORP  
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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)

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

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77056-4400

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/08/2008

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)  
Exec. Vice President

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |     |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | 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 Derivative | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction of Derivative | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|---|--|
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| Security<br>(Instr. 3)                    | or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Code<br>(Instr. 8) | Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | (Month/Day/Year)    |                    | (Instr. 3 and 4)           |  |
|---|---|-------------------------|--------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--|
|   |   |                         |                    |   | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title                      | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
| Conditional<br>Grant (\$162<br>Threshold) | \$ 0 <u>(1)</u>                                   | 05/08/2008              | A                  | 2,410   | <u>(1)</u>          | 12/31/2010         | Common<br>Stock <u>(2)</u> | 2,410                                  |
| Conditional<br>Grant (\$216<br>Theshold)  | \$ 0 <u>(3)</u>                                   | 05/08/2008              | A                  | 3,620   | <u>(3)</u>          | 12/31/2012         | Common<br>Stock <u>(2)</u> | 3,620                                  |
| Option (Buy<br>\$135.83) <u>(4)</u>       | \$ 135.83   | 05/08/2008              | A                  | 6,500   | <u>(5)</u>          | 05/07/2018         | Common<br>Stock <u>(2)</u> | 6,500                                  |
| Restricted<br>Stock Units<br><u>(4)</u>   | \$ 0 <u>(6)</u>                                   | 05/08/2008              | A                  | 3,300   | <u>(7)</u>          | <u>(7)</u>         | Common<br>Stock <u>(2)</u> | 3,300                                  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                      |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer              | Other |
| EICHLER RODNEY J<br>ONE POST OAK CENTRAL<br>2000 POST OAK BOULEVARD, SUITE 100<br>HOUSTON, TX 77056-4400 |               |           | Exec. Vice President |       |

## Signatures

Cheri L. Peper,  
Attorney-in-Fact

05/12/2008

  \*\*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) Payable if Apache common stock attains the per share price threshold by 12/31/2010. If threshold is attained, will be paid over five vesting dates: within 30 days after the date on which the price threshold is attained, and the dates 12 months, 24 months, 36 months, and 48 months following such date of attainment.
- (2) 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.
- (3)

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Payable if Apache common stock attains the per share price threshold by 12/31/2012. If threshold is attained, will be paid over five vesting dates: within 30 days after the date on which the price threshold is attained, and the dates 12 months, 24 months, 36 months, and 48 months following such date of attainment.

- (4) With tandem tax withholding right
- (5) Stock option granted 05/07/2008 under employer plan - data received from the plan administrator on 05/08/2008. Exercisable ratably over four years beginning 05/07/2009.
- (6) One share of Apache common stock for each restricted stock unit.
- (7) Restricted units granted 05/07/2008 under employer plan - data received from plan administrator on 05/08/2008. The units vest 25% per year on 06/01/2009, 05/07/2010, 05/07/2011 and 05/07/2012.

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