APACHE CORP Form 4 May 28, 2008

# FORM 4

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

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

HOUSTON, TX 77056-4400

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * EICHLER RODNEY J	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle)	APACHE CORP [APA]  3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
ONE POST OAK CENTRAL, 2000 POST OAK BOULEVARD, SUITE 100	(Month/Day/Year) 05/23/2008	Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Exec. Vice President			
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - No	n-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acquii	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transac Code (Instr. 8		nor Dispos	or Disposed of (D)  Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  O  Fo		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock (1)	05/27/2008		M(2)		160	A	\$ 0	15,866.677	D		
Common Stock (1)	05/28/2008		J <u>(3)</u>	V	10.412	A	\$ 144.81	15,877.089	D		
Common Stock (1)								12,627.382	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of tiorDerivative 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 Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour Numbe Shares
Phantom Stock Units (4)	\$ 0 (4)	05/23/2008		J	23.3359		(5)	(5)	Common Stock (1)	23.33
Phantom Stock Units (4)	\$ 0 (4)	05/27/2008		M		160	(2)	(2)	Common Stock (1)	160
Phantom Stock Units (4)	\$ 0 (4)	05/27/2008		F		53.4303	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock (1)	53.43
Phantom Stock Units (4)	\$ 0 (4)	05/27/2008		D		0.2909	<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common Stock (1)	0.29

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

EICHLER RODNEY J ONE POST OAK CENTRAL 2000 POST OAK BOULEVARD, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77056-4400

Exec. Vice President

## **Signatures**

Cheri L. Peper, Attorney-in-Fact 05/28/2008

\*\*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).

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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.

- (2) Exempt transaction pursuant to Rule 16(b)-3 distribution under the provisions of Apache's Deferred Delivery Plan, as of 05/22/2008. Data provided by the plan administrator on 05/27/08.
- (3) Exempt acquisition through dividend reinvestment plan.
- (4) One share of Apache common stock for each phantom stock unit.
- (5) Exempt acquisition pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d) accrued under the deferred compensation provisions of Apache's Deferred Delivery Plan as of 05/22/2008 data provided by the plan administrator on 05/23/2008.
- (6) Exempt transaction units used to cover required tax withholding on a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3 as of 05/22/2008 data provided by the plan administrator on 05/27/2008.
- (7) Exempt transaction disposition to the issuer involving the settlement of a fractional unit in cash in connection with transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3 as of 05/22/2008 data provided by the plan administrator on 05/27/2008.

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