### EICHLER RODNEY J

Form 4

December 21, 2009

# FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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Common

Stock (1)

Common

Stock (1)

12/21/2009

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Ac EICHLER R	Symbol APACH	APACHE CORP [APA]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (M	,	Earliest Tra	insaction			D	100	<i>,</i> 0
ONE POST OAK	, 2000 12/21/20	(Month/Day/Year) 12/21/2009			Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below)				
	4. If Amer	4. If Amendment, Date Original				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
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(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	e I - Non-Do	erivative Se	ecuritie	es Acq	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	lly 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. SecuritionAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 4)	(A) or of (D) 4 and 5)  (A) or	) Price	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)

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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)			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
Phantom Stock Units (3)	\$ 0 (3)	12/21/2009		M		679	(2)	(2)	Common Stock (1)	679
Phantom Stock Units (3)	\$ 0 (3)	12/21/2009		F		445.7469	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock (1)	445.7469
Phantom Stock Units (3)	\$ 0 (3)	12/21/2009		D		0.0244	<u>(5)</u>	(5)	Common Stock (1)	0.0244

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# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiationsinps						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
EICHLER RODNEY J							
ONE POST OAK CENTRAL			Co-COO and President	-			
2000 POST OAK BOULEVARD, SUITE 100			Co-COO and Fresident	International			
HOUSTON, TX 77056-4400							

# **Signatures**

Cheri L. Peper,
Attorney-in-Fact

\*\*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.
- (2) Exempt transaction pursuant to Rule 16(b)-3 distribution under the provisions of Apache's Deferred Delivery Plan as of 12/18/2009 data provided by the plan administrator on 12/21/2009.
- (3) One share of Apache common stock for each phantom stock unit.

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- Exempt transaction units used to cover required tax withholding on a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3 as of 12/18/2009 data provided by the plan administrator on 12/21/2009.
- (5) 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 12/18/2009 data provided by the plan administrator on 12/21/2009.

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