

Montgomery William C  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Montgomery William C

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 2000 POST OAK BLVD., SUITE 100

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 08/15/2012

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

(Street)  
 HOUSTON, TX 77056

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)<br>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 Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Underlying Securities |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                           |                                      |                                   |                     |                                    |  |   |                                   |

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| (Instr. 3)               | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Instr. 8) | Code | V                           | (A)   | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | (Instr. 8) |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------------|------|-----------------------------|-------|-----|------------------|-----------------|-------|----------------------------|------------|
| Restricted Stock / Units | \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>          | 08/15/2012       | A          | 2,279  | (2)        | (2)  | Common Stock <sup>(3)</sup> | 2,279 | \$  |                  |                 |       |                            |            |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Montgomery William C<br>2000 POST OAK BLVD.<br>SUITE 100<br>HOUSTON, TX 77056 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

Cheri L. Peper,  
Attorney-in-Fact  
08/16/2012

\_\_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) One share of Apache common stock for each restricted stock unit.

(2) Restricted stock units granted on 08/15/2012 to each of Apache's non-employee directors under 2011 Omnibus Equity Compensation Plan, which plan was approved by stockholders in May 2011. The units vest 50% thirty days after grant date and 50% twelve months after grant date. There are no dividend equivalents associated with this grant.

(3) 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.

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