

Bedingfield John R.
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Bedingfield John R.

(Last) (First) (Middle)
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)
12/31/2010

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)
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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 12/31/2010 | | M ⁽²⁾ | 4,000 A \$ 0 | 9,121 | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 12/31/2010 | | F ⁽³⁾ | 1,458 D \$ 119.23 | 7,663 | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | 9,150.958 | I | Held by Trustee of 401(k) Plan |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | 2,936.638 | I | Held by Trustee of NQ Plan |

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(3) Shares withheld to cover required tax withholding on vesting of restricted stock units effective as of 12/31/2010 - data provided by plan administrator on 01/04/2011.

(4) With tandem tax withholding right

Pursuant to a restricted stock unit award agreement dated 11/18/2009, the reporting person was granted 20,000 restricted stock units. The restricted stock units will vest 4,000 on each of 12/31/2010, 11/18/2011, 11/19/2012, 11/18/2013, and 11/18/2014. Upon vesting, Apache will issue one share of common stock for each restricted stock unit, and 2,400 shares out of each 4,000 shares will not be eligible for sale by the reporting person until such time as he retires or otherwise terminates employment with the company.

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