

MERELLI F H  
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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 \*  
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(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1700 LINCOLN STREET, SUITE 1800  
(Street)

DENVER, CO 80203

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/14/2010

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)  
Director

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	08/14/2010		M <sup>(2)</sup>		647	A	\$ 0
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>					12,446	D	
					15,886	I	By IRA

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)	5. Number of Derivative 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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8.	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock / Units <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 0	08/14/2010		M		647	<sup>(2)</sup>	<sup>(2)</sup>	Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup> 647
Restricted Stock / Units <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 0	08/14/2010		M		1,818	<sup>(4)</sup>	<sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup> 1,818

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MERELLI F H 1700 LINCOLN STREET SUITE 1800 DENVER, CO 80203	X		Director	

## Signatures

Cheri L. Peper,  
Attorney-in-Fact

08/17/2010

        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
- (1) 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) Vesting on 08/14/2010 of restricted stock units granted to each of Apache's non-employee directors under 2007 Omnibus Equity Compensation Plan.
  - (3) With tandem tax withholding right
  - (4) Restricted stock units granted to each of Apache's non-employee directors under 2007 Omnibus Equity Compensation Plan, which plan was approved by stockholders in May 2007. The units vest 50% thirty days after grant date and 50% twelve months after grant date.

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