

APACHE CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 25, 2006

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549  
FORM 8-K**

**Current Report**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 19, 2006**

**APACHE CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in Charter)

**Delaware**

(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**1-4300**

(Commission  
File Number)

**41-0747868**

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**2000 Post Oak Boulevard  
Suite 100**

**Houston, Texas 77056-4400**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 296-6000

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions ( see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2 (b))
  - Pre-Commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4 (c))
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**Item 5.02. *Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers***

On October 19, 2006, Thomas L. Mitchell, Vice President and Controller of Apache Corporation, announced that he plans to leave the company, effective November 3, 2006, to take a position as chief financial officer of Noble Corporation. Rebecca Hoyt, assistant controller of Apache, will be Apache's chief accounting officer with her title to be Vice President and Controller. The press release announcing Mr. Mitchell's resignation and Ms. Hoyt's promotion is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01. *Financial Statements and Exhibits.***

*(c) Exhibits.*

**Exhibit No.      Description**

99.1              Press Release dated October 25, 2006, Apache Names Becky Hoyt VP and Controller

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

**APACHE CORPORATION**

Date: October 25, 2006

/s/ Roger B. Plank  
Roger B. Plank  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer

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