

BENSON MICHAEL J
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**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 *
BENSON MICHAEL J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**ONE POST OAK CENTRAL, 2000
POST OAK BLVD., SUITE 100**

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77056-4400

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
10/30/2006

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 or Price | | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 10/30/2006 | | M ⁽²⁾ | | 381 A \$ 0 | 4,003.283 | D |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 10/30/2006 | | F | | 101 ⁽³⁾ D \$ 68.21 | 3,902.283 | D |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 10/30/2006 | | M ⁽²⁾ | | 2,087 A \$ 0 | 5,989.283 | D |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 10/30/2006 | | F | | 553 ⁽³⁾ D \$ 68.21 | 5,436.283 | D |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | | 6.209 | I Held by Trustee of 401(k) |

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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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.

\$51.95 price threshold attained on 10/26/04 under the terms of 2000 Share Appreciation Plan, data for final vesting provided by the plan administrator on 10/30/06. Grant vested one-third on each of 10/26/04, 10/26/05 and 10/26/06, and vested portion distributed within 30 days of each such date.

(2)

(3) Shares used to cover required tax withholding on vesting of conditional grant.

(4) With tandem tax withholding right

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