

BENSON MICHAEL J

Form 4

December 20, 2006

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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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)
12/20/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 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)
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	12/20/2006		M ⁽²⁾	683 A \$ 0	6,119.295	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	12/20/2006		F ⁽³⁾	181 D \$ 66.57	5,938.295	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾					6.224	I	Held by Trustee of 401(k) Plan

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)				
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
Restricted Stock Units ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 0 ⁽⁵⁾	12/20/2006		M		683	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	683	\$ 0

Vice
President

Date _____

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(4) With tandem tax withholding right

(5) One share of Apache common stock for each restricted stock unit.

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