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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 \*  
 Hoyt Rebecca A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE POST OAK CENTRAL, 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)  
 12/16/2009

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 / and Controller

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 (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	12/16/2009		M	800 A \$ 56.73	5,691	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	12/16/2009		M	650 A \$ 71.88	6,341	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	12/16/2009		M	1,650 A \$ 74.1	7,991	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	12/16/2009		M <sup>(2)</sup>	950 A \$ 42.68	8,941	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	12/16/2009		D <sup>(2)</sup>	950 D \$ 101.61	7,991	D	

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Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	12/16/2009	S	800	D	\$ 101.53	7,191	D	
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	12/16/2009	S	650	D	\$ 101.6	6,541	D	
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	12/16/2009	S	1,650	D	\$ 101.58	4,891	D	
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>						10,991.194	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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**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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Option (Buy \$56.73) <u>(3)</u>	\$ 56.73	12/16/2009		M	800	<u>(4)</u>	05/05/2015	Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	800
Option (Buy \$71.88) <u>(3)</u>	\$ 71.88	12/16/2009		M	650	<u>(5)</u>	05/03/2016	Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	650
Option (Buy \$74.10) <u>(3)</u>	\$ 74.1	12/16/2009		M	1,650	<u>(6)</u>	05/02/2017	Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	1,650
Stock Appreciation Rights - \$42.68 <u>(3)</u>	\$ 42.68	12/16/2009		M	950	<u>(7)</u>	05/06/2014	Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	950

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hoyt Rebecca A  
ONE POST OAK CENTRAL  
2000 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 100  
HOUSTON, TX 77056

Vice President and Controller

Signatures

Cheri L. Peper, 12/17/2009  
Attorney-in-Fact

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) Exercise of stock appreciation rights, under employer plan, settled in cash.
  - (3) With tandem tax withholding right
  - (4) Exercisable ratably over four years, beginning 05/05/2006
  - (5) Exercisable ratably over four years, beginning 05/03/2007
  - (6) Exercisable ratably over four years beginning 05/02/2008.
  - (7) Exercisable ratably over four years, beginning 05/06/2005

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