#### PLANK RAYMOND

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* PLANK RAYMOND

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

APACHE CORP [APA]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(City)

(Instr. 3)

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

\_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner

ONE POST OAK CENTRAL, 2000

12/20/2006

(Month/Day/Year)

Other (specify X\_ Officer (give title below)

POST OAK BLVD, STE 100

(Street)

Chairman / of the Board 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Owned

below)

HOUSTON, TX 77056-4400

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year)

(State)

3. 4. Securities Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (T)

(Instr. 4)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if **Transaction**Derivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise any Code Securities Acquired (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Phantom Stock Units (1)	\$ 0 (1)	12/20/2006		M	3,308		(2)	(2)	Common Stock (3)	3,308
Phantom Stock Units (1)	\$ 0 (1)	12/20/2006		F		47.9661	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock (3)	47.966
Restricted Stock Units (5)	\$ 0 (6)	12/20/2006		M		3,308	<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common Stock (3)	3,308

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
PLANK RAYMOND ONE POST OAK CENTRAL 2000 POST OAK BLVD, STE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77056-4400	X		Chairman	of the Board			

# **Signatures**

Cheri L. Peper, Attorney-in-Fact

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Da

## **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).
- (1) One share of Apache common stock for each phantom stock unit.
- (2) Exempt acquisition pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d). Accrued under the deferred compensation provisions of Apache's Deferred Delivery Plandata provided by the plan administrator on 12/20/06.
- The shares of common stock of Apache are deemed to also represent certain preferred stock purchase rights ('Rights'). The Rights are not 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.
- (4) Stock units (each deemed to be equivalent to one share of Apache common stock) used to cover required tax withholding related to deferral upon vesting of restricted stock.
- (5) With tandem tax withholding right
- (6) One share of Apache common stock for each restricted stock unit.
- (7) Vesting on 12/18/06 of restricted stock units under employer plan data provided by plan administrator on 12/20/06. Vesting occurs 25% per year over four years.

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