

FARRIS G STEVEN
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
FARRIS G STEVEN

 (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)
01/04/2010

 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)
Chairman and CEO

 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	01/04/2010		M ⁽²⁾	V Amount (A) or (D) Price	50,000 A \$ 0	599,303	D
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	01/04/2010		F ⁽³⁾	V Amount (A) or (D) Price	18,288 D \$ 105.87	581,015	D
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>					300	I	By Son
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>					10,000	I	By Trust fbo Grandchildren
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>					3,450	I	By Trust fbo Son

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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.

Vesting on 01/04/2010 of restricted stock units pursuant to restricted stock unit award agreement under employer plan. Of these 50,000

- (2) shares, 30,000 shares (19,027 shares after tax withholding) will not be eligible for sale by Mr. Farris until such time as he retires as chief executive officer or otherwise terminates employment with the company.

- (3) Shares withheld to cover required tax withholding on vesting of restricted stock units effective as of 01/04/2010.

- (4) With tandem tax withholding right

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

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