APACHE CORP Form 4 May 24, 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**

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 * JEPPESEN JON A

(First) (Middle) (Last)

ONE POST OAK CENTRAL, 2000 POST OAK BOULEVARD, SUITE 100

(Street)

(State)

HOUSTON, TX 77056-4400

(City)

1. Title of

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

APACHE CORP [APA]

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

05/24/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of

Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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)

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 1. Title of (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative Conversion

5. Number of

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Sr. Vice President

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(I)

(Instr. 4)

10% Owner

Other (specify

7. Nature of

Ownership (Instr. 4)

Indirect

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

Issuer

below)

Securities

Following

Reported

Owned

Beneficially

Director

Applicable Line)

X_ Officer (give title

Estimated average

burden hours per

1

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8	8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		(
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock Units (1)	\$ 0 (1)	05/24/2006		J		16.2404		(2)	(2)	Common Stock (3)	16.2404	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

JEPPESEN JON A ONE POST OAK CENTRAL 2000 POST OAK BOULEVARD, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77056-4400

Sr. Vice President

Signatures

Cheri L. Peper, 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).
- (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 Plan as of 05/22/2006 data provided by the plan administrator on 05/24/2006.
- 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.

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