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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 26, 2004

APACHE CORPORATION (Exact name of registrant as specified in Charter)

DELAWARE1-430041-0747868(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)(Commission
File Number)(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

2000 POST OAK BOULEVARD SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TEXAS 77056-4400 (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 296-6000

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ITEM 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On October 28, 2004, Apache Corporation issued a press release announcing financial and operating results for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2004. The full text of the press release is listed and furnished under Item 9.01 as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 7.01. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

On October 26, 2004, Apache Corporation issued a press release announcing that it had achieved the second threshold in its share appreciation plan. Under the plan, approximately 1,900 employees will share special incentives in the form of Apache stock paid in three annual installments. The full text of the press release is listed and furnished under Item 9.01 as Exhibit 99.2 and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) EXHIBITS.

- EXHIBIT NO. DESCRIPTION
- 99.1 Press Release dated October 28, 2004, "Apache's Third Quarter Earnings Rise 57 Percent to Record \$432 Million, or \$1.31 per Share, on Strong Prices, Record Production"
- 99.2 Press Release dated October 26, 2004, "Apache Employees Rewarded for Shareholder Value Increase of \$9 Billion-Plus in Four Years"

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

APACHE CORPORATION

Date: October 28, 2004

/s/ Roger B. Plank

Roger B. Plank Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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