

BENSON MICHAEL J
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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 *
BENSON MICHAEL J

(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)
05/02/2007

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 05/03/2007 | | M ⁽²⁾ | 650 A \$ 0 | 655.306 | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 05/03/2007 | | F ⁽³⁾ | 172 D \$ 73.29 | 483.306 | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | 6.237 | 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 \$74.10) ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 74.1 | 05/02/2007 | | A | 2,600 | ⁽⁵⁾ 05/02/2017 | Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 2,600 |
| Restricted Stock Units ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 0 ⁽⁶⁾ | 05/02/2007 | | A | 2,600 | ⁽⁷⁾ ⁽⁷⁾ | Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 2,600 |
| Restricted Stock Units ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 0 ⁽⁶⁾ | 05/03/2007 | | M | 650 | ⁽²⁾ ⁽²⁾ | Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 650 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BENSON MICHAEL J ONE POST OAK CENTRAL 2000 POST OAK BLVD., SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77056-4400 | | | Vice President | |

Signatures

Cheri L. Peper, 05/04/2007
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).

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(1) 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

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to such Rights, if any, is reflected in the market price of the common stock.

- (2) Vesting on 05/01/07 of restricted stock units under employer plan - data provided by plan administrator on 05/03/07. Vesting occurs 25% per year over four years.
- (3) Shares withheld to cover required tax withholding on vesting of restricted stock - data provided by plan administrator on 05/03/07.
- (4) With tandem tax withholding right
- (5) Exercisable ratably over four years, beginning 05/02/2008.
- (6) One share of Apache common stock for each phantom stock unit.
- (7) Restricted units granted 05/01/2007 under employer plan - data received from plan administrator on 05/02/2007. The units vest 25% per year on 06/01/2008, 05/01/2009, 05/01/2010 and 05/01/2011.

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