

EICHLER RODNEY J  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
EICHLER RODNEY J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE POST OAK CENTRAL, 2000  
POST OAK BOULEVARD, 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)  
12/20/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Exec. Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	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)**

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 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 Number Shares
Phantom Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>	12/20/2006	M		1,103		<sup>(2)</sup>	<sup>(2)</sup>	Common Stock <sup>(3)</sup>	1,103
Phantom Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>	12/20/2006	F		15.9935		<sup>(4)</sup>	<sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock <sup>(3)</sup>	15.9935
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(6)</sup>	12/20/2006	M		1,103		<sup>(7)</sup>	<sup>(7)</sup>	Common Stock <sup>(3)</sup>	1,103

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
EICHLER RODNEY J ONE POST OAK CENTRAL 2000 POST OAK BOULEVARD, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77056-4400			Exec. Vice President	

## Signatures

Cheri L. Peper, Attorney-in-Fact 12/20/2006

\_\_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 - data provided by the plan administrator on 12/20/06.
- (3) 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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