

APACHE CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 18, 2006

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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): December 14, 2006  
APACHE CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in Charter)**

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**1-4300**  
(Commission  
File Number)  
**2000 Post Oak Boulevard**  
**Suite 100**  
**Houston, Texas 77056-4400**

**41-0747868**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
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**Item 5.03. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.**

On December 14, 2006, the Board of Directors of Apache Corporation ( Apache ) amended Sections 2 and 3 of Article V of Apache s bylaws to read in their entirety as set forth in Exhibit 3.1 hereto, which, among other things, provides for the election of directors by majority vote and grants to the directors exclusive authority to fill vacancies, including any vacancy created by the resignation of a director who fails to obtain a majority of the votes cast. This description is qualified in its entirety by reference to the text of the bylaw amendment. The full text of the amendment to Apache s bylaws is listed under Item 9.01 as Exhibit 3.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

**Exhibit No. Description**

3.1 Amendment to the Bylaws of Apache Corporation, effective December 14, 2006

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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: December 18, 2006

/s/ Cheri L. Peper  
Cheri L. Peper  
Corporate Secretary

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