

EICHLER RODNEY J
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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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
APACHE CORP [APA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/21/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Co-COO and President / - International

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77056-4400

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 | | | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 12/21/2009 | | M ⁽²⁾ | 679 A \$ 0 | 21,701.457 | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | 12,764.455 | 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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- (4) Exempt transaction - units used to cover required tax withholding on a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3 as of 12/18/2009 - data provided by the plan administrator on 12/21/2009.
- (5) Exempt transaction - disposition to the issuer involving the settlement of a fractional unit in cash in connection with transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3 as of 12/18/2009 - data provided by the plan administrator on 12/21/2009.

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