

BENSON MICHAEL J

Form 4

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FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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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)
06/05/2006

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 ____ Other (specify
below) below)

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 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)
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	06/05/2006		M ⁽²⁾	700 A \$ 0	5,854.275	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	06/05/2006		F ⁽³⁾	186 D \$ 65.27	5,668.275	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾					6.19	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)	8. Price or Value of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 0 ⁽⁴⁾	06/05/2006		M	700	⁽²⁾ ⁽²⁾	Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	700 \$ 0

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,
Attorney-in-Fact

06/06/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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- 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.
- (1) Vesting on 06/01/06 of restricted stock under employer plan - data provided by plan administrator on 06/05/06. Vesting occurs 25% per year over four years.
- (2) Shares withheld to cover required tax withholding on 06/01/06 vesting of restricted stock - data provided by plan administrator on 06/05/06.

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(4) With tandem tax withholding right

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