FARRIS G STEVEN

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
FARRIS G STEVEN

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

(First) (Middle) (Last)

APACHE CORP [APA]

(Check all applicable)

ONE POST OAK CENTRAL, 2000

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

_X__ Director

10% Owner Other (specify

12/20/2006

_X__ Officer (give title below)

POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 100

(Street)

Pres., Chief Exec. / Off. & Chief Op. Off 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

HOUSTON, TX 77056-4400

(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. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock (1)	12/20/2006		M(2)	3,308	A	\$0	498,076	D	
Common Stock (1)	12/20/2006		F(3)	1,206	D	\$ 66.57	496,870	D	
Common Stock (1)							300	I	By Son
Common Stock (1)							2,800	I	By Trust fbo Grandchildren
Common Stock (1)							2,000	I	By Trust fbo Son

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Common Stock (1)	49,321.161 I	Held by trustee of 401(k) plan
Common Stock (1)	21,526.162 I	Held by Trustee of NQ 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)	Execution Date, if any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) Transaction Deriv Code Securities (A) or Dispose (D)		Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,	(Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. F Der Sec (Ins
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units (4)	\$ 0 (5)	12/20/2006		M	3,308	<u>(2)</u>	(2)	Common Stock (1)	3,308	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
Reporting Owner Name / Namess	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
FARRIS G STEVEN ONE POST OAK CENTRAL 2000 POST OAK BLVD, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77056-4400	X		Pres., Chief Exec.	Off. & Chief Op. Off		

Signatures

Cheri L. Peper, Attorney-in-Fact	12/20/2006
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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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).
- 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.
- (2) 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.
- (3) Shares withheld to cover required tax withholding on 12/18/06 vesting of restricted stock data provided by plan administrator on 12/20/06.
- (4) With tandem tax withholding right
- (5) One share of Apache common stock for each restricted stock unit.

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