APACHE CORP Form 4 January 08, 2007

#### FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

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may continue.

See Instruction

1(b).

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(Last)

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

APACHE CORP [APA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Symbol

(Middle)

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

(First)

CIMAREX ENERGY CO., 1700 LINCOLN STREET, SUITE 1800			(Month/Day/Year) 12/21/2006						_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) Director			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
DENVER, CO 80203									Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	le I - No	on-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	iired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any		3. Transa Code (Instr.	8)	4. Securit in(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	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									9,652	D		
Common Stock	12/21/2006			J	V	15,886	A	\$ 0	15,886	I	By IRA	
Common Stock	12/21/2006			J	V	15,886	D	\$ 0	0.776	I	Held by Trustee of 401(k) Plan	
Common Stock	12/21/2006			J	V	0.776	D	\$ 67.09	0	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	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5.	6. Date Exerc		7. Title a		8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			Amount Underlyi Securitie (Instr. 3	ing es	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	or Title N of	umber		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
MERELLI F H CIMAREX ENERGY CO.	37		D: .				
1700 LINCOLN STREET, SUITE 1800 DENVER, CO 80203	X		Director				

### **Signatures**

Cheri L. Peper, Attorney-in-Fact 01/08/2007

\*\*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).

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