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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person **
MERELLI F H

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

APACHE CORP [APA]

(Check all applicable)

CIMAREX ENERGY CO., 1700

(Street)

(First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 06/30/2006

__X_ Director _____ 10% Owner _____ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify below) below)

Director

LINCOLN STREET, SUITE 1800

4. If Amendment, Date Original

 $6.\ Individual\ or\ Joint/Group\ Filing (Check$

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

DENVER, CO 80203

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

3. 4. Securities
TransactionAcquired (A) or
Code Disposed of (D)
(Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of 6. Securities Fo Beneficially (D Owned (I) Following (In

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) or Reported
Transaction(s)

Code V Amount (D) Price (Instr. 3 and 4)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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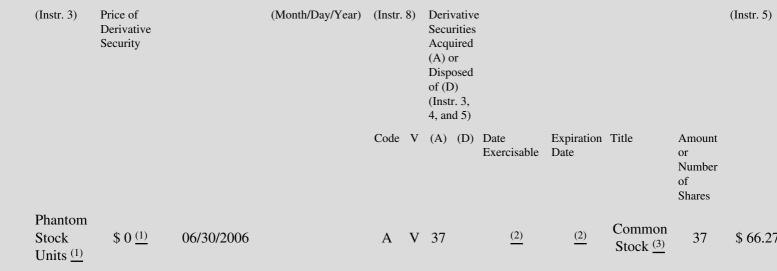
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. Price o Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionNumber **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Derivative Security or Exercise any Code of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Security

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Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Cheri L. Peper, Attorney-in-Fact

**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).
- (1) One share of Apache common stock for each phantom stock unit.
- (2) Exempt acquisition pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d) accrued under the deferred compensation provisions of Apache's Non-Employee Directors' Compensation Plan.
- 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.

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