SAUER JON W
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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SAUER JON W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE POST OAK CENTRAL, 2000 POST OAK BOULEVARD, 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)
12/19/2008

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 below) _____ Other (specify 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 (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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock (1)	12/19/2008		M(2)		560	A	$ 0	12,469	D	
Common Stock (1)								4,177.441	I	Held by trustee of 401(k) plan

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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)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units (3)	$ 0 (3)	12/19/2008		M			560	(2)	(2)	Common Stock (1)	560
Phantom Stock Units (3)	$ 0 (3)	12/19/2008		F			186.8102	(4)	(4)	Common Stock (1)	186.8102
Phantom Stock Units (3)	$ 0 (3)	12/19/2008		D			0.4305	(5)	(5)	Common Stock (1)	0.4305

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SAUER JON W ONE POST OAK CENTRAL 2000 POST OAK BOULEVARD, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77056-4400			Vice President	

Signatures

Cheri L. Peper, Attorney-in-Fact	12/22/2008
**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) 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) Exempt transaction pursuant to Rule 16(b)-3 - distribution under the provisions of Apache's Deferred Delivery Plan as of 12/18/2008 - data provided by the plan administrator on 12/19/2008.

(3) One share of Apache common stock for each phantom stock unit.

(4) Exempt transaction - units used to cover required tax withholding on a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3 as of 12/18/2008 - data provided by the plan administrator on 12/19/2008.

(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 12/18/2008 - data provided by the plan administrator on 12/19/2008.

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