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December 22, 2003

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 18, 2003

APACHE CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in Charter)

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| DELAWARE  | 1-4300                      | 41-0747868                                 |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction<br>of Incorporation) | (Commission<br>File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification Number) |

ONE POST OAK CENTRAL  
2000 POST OAK BOULEVARD  
SUITE 100  
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77056-4400  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 296-6000

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ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

On December 18, 2003, Apache Corporation issued a press release announcing that (i) the holders of its common stock approved a proposal to increase the number of authorized common shares to 430 million from 215 million in order to complete the previously announced two-for-one stock split and (ii) the record date for the stock split is December 31, 2003, and the additional shares will be distributed January 14, 2003.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS

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(c) EXHIBITS.

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| 99.1                 | Press Release, dated December 18, 2003, "Apache Shareholders Approve Proposal to Increase Authorized Shares; 2-for-1 Stock Split Set for January 14, 2004" |

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

APACHE CORPORATION

Date: December 22, 2003

By: Roger B. Plank

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Roger B. Plank  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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