

PLANK RAYMOND  
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**FORM 4**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
PLANK RAYMOND

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE POST OAK CENTRAL, 2000  
POST OAK BLVD, STE 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)  
12/21/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman / of the Board

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	12/21/2006		G	V 50 D \$ 0	228,569	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	12/21/2006		M <sup>(2)</sup>	4,187 A \$ 0	232,756	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>					8,144.171	I	Held by Trustee of 401(k) Plan
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>					4,000	I	Plank Family Apache

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Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	17,750	I	Assoc L.P. Plank Family Apache Inv. L.P.
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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)	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)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)				
Phantom Stock Units <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>	12/21/2006		M		4,187		<sup>(2)</sup>	<sup>(2)</sup>	Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	4,187
Phantom Stock Units <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>	12/21/2006		F		2,254.8101		<sup>(4)</sup>	<sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	2,254.8
Phantom Stock Units <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>	12/21/2006		D		0.5045		<sup>(5)</sup>	<sup>(5)</sup>	Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	0.504

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PLANK RAYMOND ONE POST OAK CENTRAL 2000 POST OAK BLVD, STE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77056-4400	X		Chairman	of the Board

## Signatures

Cheri L. Peper,  
Attorney-in-Fact

12/21/2006

\_\_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).

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.

- (1) Exempt transaction pursuant to Rule 16(b)-3 - 12/20/06 distribution under the provisions of Apache's Deferred Delivery Plan - data provided by the plan administrator on 12/21/06.
- (2) One share of Apache common stock for each phantom stock unit.
- (3) Exempt transaction - units used on 12/20/06 to cover required tax withholding on a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3 - data provided by the plan administrator on 12/21/06.
- (4) Exempt transaction - disposition to the issuer on 12/20/06 involving the settlement of a fractional unit in cash in connection with transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3 - data provided by the plan administrator in 12/21/06 .
- (5)

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