

O'Brien Urban F.
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
O'Brien Urban F.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
APACHE CORP [APA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
2000 POST OAK BLVD., SUITE 100
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/16/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Vice President

HOUSTON, TX 77056

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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⁾ | 01/16/2012 | | M ⁽²⁾ | 534 A \$ 0 | 4,796 | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 01/16/2012 | | F ⁽³⁾ | 164 D \$ 92.84 | 4,632 | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | 1,970.852 | I | Held by Trustee of 401(k) Plan |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | 147.706 | I | Held by Trustee of NQ Plan |

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- (3) Shares withheld to cover required tax withholding on vesting of restricted stock units effective as of 01/15/2012 - data provided by plan administrator on 01/16/2012.
- (4) With tandem tax withholding right
- (5) One share of Apache common stock for each restricted stock unit.
- (6) Granted under employer plan on 01/15/2010. Units vest 1/3 on 01/15/2010, 01/15/2011, and 01/15/2012.

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