APACHE CORP Form 8-K April 15, 2011

# UNITED STATES 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): April 15, 2011
APACHE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-4300 41-0747868

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

## 2000 Post Oak Boulevard Suite 100 Houston, Texas 77056-4400

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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

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#### Item 8.01. Other Events.

On April 7, 2011, Apache Corporation (the Company) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission its definitive proxy statement (the Proxy Statement) for the Company s 2011 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Item 9 of the Proxy Statement requests that shareholders approve an amendment to the Company s certificate of incorporation to increase the Company s authorized preferred stock from 5,000,000 shares to 10,000,000 shares. On April 15, 2011, the executive committee of the board of directors of the Company adopted a resolution which provides that upon shareholder approval of Item 9 of the Proxy Statement, the Company will not issue more than 7,500,000 of the 10,000,000 authorized shares of preferred stock, without further shareholder approval.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

## APACHE CORPORATION

Date: April 15, 2011 /s/ Cheri L. Peper

Cheri L. Peper

Corporate Secretary