APACHE CORP Form FWP August 17, 2010 August 17, 2010

Issuer:

Spread to Benchmark Treasury:

Yield to Maturity:

**Redemption Provisions:** 

Free Writing Prospectus
Filed Pursuant to Rule 433
Relating to the Preliminary Prospectus Supplement
dated August 17, 2010 to the Prospectus dated December 2, 2008
File No. 333-155884

## APACHE CORPORATION TERM SHEET \$1,500,000,000 5.100% Notes due 2040

**Apache Corporation** 

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| Security Description:                   | 5.100% Notes due 2040                             |
| Principal Amount:                       | \$1,500,000,000                                   |
| CUSIP / ISIN:                           | 037411 AW5 / US037411AW56                         |
| Trade Date:                             | August 17, 2010                                   |
| Expected Settlement Date:               | August 20, 2010                                   |
| Maturity:                               | September 1, 2040                                 |
| Public Offering Price:                  | 98.936% of principal amount                       |
| Proceeds to the Issuer, Before Expenses | \$1,470,915,000                                   |
| Coupon:                                 | 5.100% per year (payable semi-annually)           |
| Interest Payment Dates:                 | March 1 and September 1, commencing March 1, 2011 |
| Benchmark Treasury:                     | 4.375% due May 15, 2040                           |
| Renchmark Treasury Yield:               | 3 770%  |

The notes will be redeemable, at the option of Apache

Corporation, at any time, in whole or in part.

If the notes are redeemed before the date that is six months prior to the maturity date of the notes, the notes may be redeemed at a redemption price equal to the greater of:

(i) 100% of the principal amount; or

+140 basis points

5.170%

(ii) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest thereon discounted to the date of redemption, on a semi-annual basis, at the treasury rate plus 25 basis points;

plus, in each case, accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption.

If the notes are redeemed on or after the date that is six months prior to the maturity date of the notes, the notes may be redeemed at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes to be redeemed.

Denominations: \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000

Long-Term Debt Ratings\*: A3 (Moody s) / A- (S&P) / A- (Fitch)

Joint Book-Running Managers: Banc of America Securities LLC

BNP Paribas Securities Corp. Citigroup Global Markets Inc.

Goldman, Sachs & Co.
J.P. Morgan Securities Inc.
HSBC Securities (USA) Inc.
Wells Fargo Securities, LLC

Co-Managers: Mizuho Securities USA Inc.

SG Americas Securities, LLC TD Securities (USA) LLC

Current rating on

negative watch.

\* Note: A security rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities, it may be revised or withdrawn at any time by the assigning rating organization, and each rating presented should be evaluated independently of any other rating.

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