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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): November 1, 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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On November 1, 2011, Mr. F. H. Merelli retired from his position as a director of Apache Corporation (Apache). Mr. Merelli was a member of the Audit Committee and the Executive Committee of Apache s board of directors. In his letter notifying Apache of his retirement, Mr. Merelli indicated that he did not have any disagreement with Apache or its management on any matter relating to Apache s operations, policies, or practices.

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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: November 4, 2011 /s/ Thomas P. Chambers

Thomas P. Chambers

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial

Officer