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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): December 18, 2003

APACHE CORPORATION (Exact name of registrant as specified in Charter)

DELAWARE (State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission of Incorporation)

1-4300

41-0747868 (Commission (I.R.S. Employer File Number) Identification Number)

ONE POST OAK CENTRAL 2000 POST OAK BOULEVARD SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TEXAS 77056-4400 (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

On December 18, 2003, Apache Corporation issued a press release announcing that (i) the holders of its common stock approved a proposal to increase the number of authorized common shares to 430 million from 215 million in order to complete the previously announced two-for-one stock split and (ii) the record date for the stock split is December 31, 2003, and the additional shares will be distributed January 14, 2003.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS

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(c) EXHIBITS.

EXHIBIT NO. DESCRIPTION

99.1 Press Release, dated December 18, 2003, "Apache Shareholders Approve Proposal to Increase Authorized Shares; 2-for-1 Stock Split Set for January 14, 2004"

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

APACHE CORPORATION

Date: December 22, 2003 By: Roger B. Plank

Roger B. Plank

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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