

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): January 6, 2003

The Williams Companies, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware ----- (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	1-4174 ----- (Commission File Number)	73-0569878 ----- (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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One Williams Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma ----- (Address of principal executive offices)	74172 ----- (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 918/573-2000

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

The Williams Companies, Inc. wishes to disclose for Regulation FD purposes its press release dated January 6, 2002, filed herewith as Exhibit 99.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Williams has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE WILLIAMS COMPANIES, INC.

Date: January 9, 2003

/s/ Brian K. Shore

Name: Brian K. Shore
Title: Corporate Secretary

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	99 Copy of Williams' press release dated January 6, 2003.

NEWSRELEASE

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DATE: Jan. 6, 2003

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WILLIAMS BOARD DECREASED TO 12 MEMBERS

TULSA, Okla. - Williams (NYSE:WMB) announced today that its board of directors has decreased from 13 members to 12 following the resignation of Ira D. Hall on Dec. 31.

Hall, 58, cited a new job as the reason for his decision. He has been selected to become president and chief executive officer of Utendahl Capital Management, L.P., a fixed income investment management firm.

"I have been very pleased to work with a group of outstanding directors and key executives at Williams," Hall said.

Hall joined the Williams board in November 2001. During his one-year tenure, he served on the audit, compensation and finance committees. He is a former treasurer of Texaco, Inc.

"We sincerely appreciate Ira's service and decisiveness. It was a pleasure getting to know him," said Steve Malcolm, Williams' chairman, president and chief executive officer.

Only one Williams board member--Malcolm--is currently affiliated with the company. The remaining 11 members are independent directors.

ABOUT WILLIAMS (NYSE: WMB)

Williams moves, manages and markets a variety of energy products, including natural gas, liquid hydrocarbons, petroleum and electricity. Based in Tulsa, Okla., Williams' operations span the energy value chain from wellhead to burner tip. Company information is available at www.williams.com.

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