

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):

January 23, 2014

The Williams Companies, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-4174

73-0569878

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

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

One Williams Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma

74172

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

918-573-2000

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Williams Partners L.P.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-32599

20-2485124

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

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

One Williams Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma

74172-0172

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

918-573-2000

n/a

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On January 27, 2014, The Williams Companies, Inc. ("Williams") and Williams Partners L.P. ("WPZ") announced certain changes to the senior management structure of Williams and Williams Partners GP LLC, the general partner of WPZ. Effective January 23, 2014, James E. Scheel assumed the title Senior Vice President – Northeast G&P and will lead the Northeast G&P operating area formerly led by Francis E. Billings, who assumed Mr. Scheel's former corporate role.

Mr. Scheel, age 49, previously served as Williams' Senior Vice President - Corporate Strategic Development since February 2012. From January 2011, he served as Vice President of Business Development for Williams' midstream business. He joined Williams in 1988 and has served in leadership roles in business strategic development, engineering and operations, our NGL business, and international operations. Mr. Scheel has served as a director of Williams Partners GP LLC since May 2012. Since December 2012, he has also served as a director of Access Midstream Partners GP, L.L.C., the general partner of Access Midstream Partners, L.P. (a midstream natural gas service provider), in which Williams owns an interest.

Williams Partners GP LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Williams, and Williams owns approximately 64 percent of WPZ, including the general partner interest.

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

A copy of Williams' and WPZ's press release publicly announcing the realignment of management described in Item 5.02 is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

The information in this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, nor shall it be deemed to be incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

- (a) None
- (b) None
- (c) None
- (d) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press release of the Company dated January 27, 2014.

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**SIGNATURE**

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.

THE WILLIAMS COMPANIES, INC.

By: /s/ Sarah C. Miller  
Sarah C. Miller  
Corporate Secretary

Dated: January 27, 2014

WILLIAMS PARTNERS L.P.

By: Williams Partners GP LLC, its General Partner

By: /s/ Sarah C. Miller  
Sarah C. Miller  
Corporate Secretary

Dated: January 27, 2014

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<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release of the Company dated January 27, 2014.



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# News Release

DATE: Jan. 27, 2014

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## Williams, Williams Partners Realign Leadership Responsibilities for Northeast G&P and Corporate Strategic Development

- *Realignment Supports Growing Gathering and Processing Operations in the Marcellus and Utica Shale Regions.*

TULSA, Okla. – [Williams](#) (NYSE: WMB) and [Williams Partners](#) (NYSE: WPZ) today announced the realignment of executive leadership responsibilities designed to further enhance their operating and commercial capabilities.

The realignment results in new leaders for the Northeast Gathering & Processing operating area and Williams' Corporate Strategic Development function. As a result, the following changes will become effective immediately:

- [Jim Scheel](#), 49, will serve as senior vice president of the Northeast Gathering & Processing operating area, with responsibility for gathering and processing business in the Marcellus and Utica shale regions.
- [Frank Billings](#), 51, will serve as senior vice president of Corporate Strategic Development, with responsibility for enterprise-level business development and customer relationship management. Billings most recently led the Northeast Gathering & Processing operating area.

Both Scheel and Billings will continue to report to Alan Armstrong, president and chief executive officer of Williams and chief executive officer of the general partner of Williams Partners.

“As the build-out of our gathering and processing business in the Marcellus-Utica advances, we’re at a point where we realize the greatest value by having Northeast-region leadership with deep operational experience,” said Alan Armstrong. “Jim, in his 25 years at Williams, has been instrumental in the operations and engineering on a number of complex, large-scale projects. I’m confident in his abilities to deliver in the Northeast, where we have approximately \$3.3 billion in projects underway through 2015 to increase take-away volumes and processing capacity in the Marcellus and Utica.

“Frank’s work developing customer relationships opened doors to this tremendous opportunity we have in the Northeast. We look forward to having his commercial expertise, as well as his experience and leadership in strategy development, applied across the entire enterprise,” said Armstrong. “This leadership realignment represents an opportunity to realize the full value of Jim’s and Frank’s diverse experiences and bring new perspectives to these roles to further enhance our operating and commercial capabilities and support our One Williams vision.”

Since joining Williams in 1988, Scheel has served in leadership roles that include operations, engineering and operational excellence; the company’s natural gas liquids business; business and strategic development with more than \$6 billion in transactions and business integrations; and management of international and joint-venture operations. In Lithuania, Scheel helped Williams negotiate the purchase of a distressed company and led the operational aspects of modernizing a refinery and completing an oil export terminal. Scheel earned his bachelor’s degree in petroleum engineering from the University of Tulsa in 1986. Scheel serves on the boards of the general partners of Williams Partners L.P. and Access Midstream.

Billings’ current tenure at Williams began in August 2010 as vice president of business development for the company’s gathering and processing business. Prior to rejoining Williams, Billings was president of the privately owned Cumberland Plateau Pipeline Company. From July 2008 to June 2009, he served as the senior vice president – commercial for Crosstex Energy, Inc. and Crosstex Energy L.P. Billings worked for Williams from 1988 to 2008 in a variety of management roles across both the gathering and processing and natural gas liquids businesses, including development of the Overland Pass Pipeline business. Prior to the Williams – MAPCO merger in 1998, Billings spent 10 years with MAPCO in various management roles in the natural gas liquids business. Billings received his Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Oklahoma State University and earned his M.B.A. from the University of Tulsa in 1992. He is a board member for the Natural Gas Supply Association and previously served on the Executive Board of the Marcellus Shale Coalition.

## About Williams (NYSE: WMB)

Williams is one of the leading energy infrastructure companies in North America. It owns interests in or operates 15,000 miles of interstate gas pipelines, 1,000 miles of NGL transportation pipelines, and more than 10,000 miles of oil and gas gathering pipelines. The company’s facilities have daily gas processing capacity of 6.6 billion cubic feet of natural gas, NGL production of more than 200,000 barrels per day and domestic

olefins production capacity of 1.35 billion pounds of ethylene and 90 million pounds of propylene per year. Williams owns approximately 64 percent of Williams Partners L.P. (NYSE: WPZ), one of the largest diversified energy master limited partnerships. Williams Partners owns most of Williams' interstate gas pipeline and domestic midstream assets. Williams also owns Canadian operations and certain domestic olefins pipelines assets, as well as a significant investment in Access Midstream Partners, L.P. (NYSE: ACMP), a midstream natural gas services provider. The company's headquarters is in Tulsa, Okla. For more information, visit [www.williams.com](http://www.williams.com), where the company routinely posts important information.

**About Williams Partners L.P. (NYSE: WPZ)**

Williams Partners L.P. is a leading diversified master limited partnership focused on natural gas transportation; gathering, treating, and processing; storage; natural gas liquid (NGL) fractionation; and oil transportation. The partnership owns interests in three major interstate natural gas pipelines that, combined, deliver 14 percent of the natural gas consumed in the United States. The partnership's gathering and processing assets include large-scale operations in the U.S. Rocky Mountains and both onshore and offshore along the Gulf of Mexico. Williams (NYSE: WMB) owns approximately 64 percent of Williams Partners, including the general-partner interest. More information is available at [www.williamsplp.com](http://www.williamsplp.com), where the partnership routinely posts important information.

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