

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>WRIGHT PHILLIP D</u>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>WILLIAMS COMPANIES INC [ WMB ]</u>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Subsidiary Sr. Vice President</u>			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/03/2009</u>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
<u>ONE WILLIAMS CENTER</u>			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						
(Street)	<u>TULSA</u>	<u>OK</u>	<u>74172</u>						
(City)	(State)	(Zip)							

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	03/03/2009		M		31,374	A	\$10.06	182,449	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2009		F		8,299	D	\$10.06	174,150	D	
Common Stock <sup>(3)</sup>	03/03/2009		M		10,458	A	\$10.06	184,608	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2009		F		2,767	D	\$10.06	181,841	D	
Common Stock								15,421	I	By employee stock plan <sup>(4)</sup>

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	\$10.06	03/03/2009		M		31,374		03/03/2009	03/03/2009	Common Stock	31,374	\$10.06	203,375	D	
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(3)</sup>	\$10.06	03/03/2009		M		10,458		03/03/2009	03/03/2009	Common Stock	10,458	\$10.06	192,917	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Payout of performance-based Restricted Stock Units, in a transaction exempt under Rules 16b-3(d) and 16b-6(b), of shares of common stock awarded under The Williams Companies, Inc. 2007 Incentive Plan of which a portion of the shares were withheld for taxes.
- Vesting was subject to applicable grant agreement and compensation committee certification that the Company met the three year performance measure. The specific performance measure was based on an improvement in the Company's Economic Value Added over the three year period.
- Payout of Restricted Stock Units, in a transaction exempt under Rules 16b-3(d) and 16b-6(b), of shares of common stock awarded under The Williams Companies, Inc. 2007 Incentive Plan of which a portion of the shares were withheld for taxes.
- Represents total shares of the Company's common stock held in The Investment Plus Plan.

**Remarks:**

Cher S. Lawrence, Attorney-in-Fact for Phillip D. Wright 03/05/2009

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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