Instruction 1(b).

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* WHISENANT JOHN DOUGLAS					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WILLIAMS COMPANIES INC [WMB]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner					
(Last) (First) 2800 POST OAK BLVD.			(Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/05/2004								X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Sr. Vice President Gas Pipes				pecify	
(Street) HOUSTON TX			77251		4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting					
(City) (State)		(Zip)		Person														
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																	
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)				2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Yea		2A. Deemed Execution Date, ar) if any (Month/Day/Year		Code (Ins	ion [4. Securities Acqui Disposed Of (D) (In 5)				5. Amour Securitie Beneficia Owned F Reported	s illy ollowing	Form (D) or	rm: Direct or Indirect (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
									, ,	Amount	t (A) or (D) F		се	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				IIIsu. 4)
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. Conversio or Exercis Price of Derivative Security			3A. Deemed Execution Date if any (Month/Day/Yea	Code (Insti				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amo of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)		Derivative Security		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)
				Cod	le V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		oiration te	Title	Amor or Numl of Share	oer					
Employee Options (Right to Buy)	\$9.93	02/05/2004		A		18,334		02/05/2005	02/0	05/2014	Common Stock	18,3	34	\$9.93	511,395		D	
Employee Options (Right to Buy)	\$9.93	02/05/2004		A		18,333		02/05/2006	02/0	05/2014	Common Stock	18,3	33	\$9.93	529,728		D	
Employee Options (Right to Buy)	\$9.93	02/05/2004		A		18,333		02/05/2007	02/0	05/2014	Common Stock	18,3	33	\$9.93	548,06	1	D	
Deferred Stock	\$9.93	02/05/2004		A		11,667		02/05/2005	02/0	05/2005	Common Stock	11,6	67	\$9.93	11,667		D	
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Deferred Stock	\$9.93	02/05/2004		A		11,666		02/05/2007	02/0	05/2007	Common Stock	11,6	66	\$9.93	35,000		D	
Deferred Stock ⁽¹⁾	\$9.93	02/05/2004		A	v	20,000		02/05/2009	02/0	05/2009	Common Stock	20,0	00	\$9.93	55,000		D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. One-third of the deferred shares reported herein shall be eligible to be earned annually upon attainment of specific targets established in the first 90 days of each calendar year. The shares have a five-year term whereby there are five opportunities to earn the deferred shares reported herein. The shares that are earned during the five years will be issued to the reporting person no earlier than at the end of the five-year term.

Remarks:

Cher S. Lawrence, Attorney-in-Fact for J. Douglas Whisenant

02/09/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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