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):

July 15, 2005

The Williams Companies, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

1-4174

(Commission

File Number)

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

Delaware

One Williams Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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73-0569878

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

74172

(Zip Code)

918-573-2000

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

On July 15, 2005, The Williams Companies, Inc. ("Williams") named Ted T. Timmermans as Vice President, Corporate Controller and Chief Accounting Officer. Mr. Timmermans, 48, has held several increasingly responsible finance positions within Williams, ranging from energy-related start-up companies to established interstate natural gas pipelines since 1978. Previously, Mr. Timmermans was Assistant Controller with responsibilities for SEC financial reporting and providing financial consulting to Williams' business units.

On July 15, 2005, Williams also announced that Gary R. Belitz, previously the Vice President, Corporate Controller and Chief Accounting Officer, is assuming a new position as Vice President, Finance & Accounting for Williams' Exploration and Production business, effective August 5, 2005.

Williams' press release publicly announcing these organizational changes is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference .

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) None

(b) None

(c) Exhibits:

Exhibit 99.1 Copy of press release dated July 15, 2005, publicly reporting the organizational changes as discussed herein.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

July 18, 2005

The Williams Companies, Inc.

By: Brian K. Shore

Name: Brian K. Shore Title: Corporate Secretary Exhibit Index

Exhibit No.

Description

99.1

Copy of July 15, 2005 Press Release announcing organizational changes.

NewsRelease

NYSE: WMB

Date:

July 15, 2005

Williams Names Ted Timmermans as Chief Accounting Officer

TULSA, Okla. – Williams (NYSE:WMB) today named Ted Timmermans as vice president, corporate controller and chief accounting officer.

"Ted Timmermans brings considerable finance and accounting experience to this role as we sustain our focus on financial discipline and excellence in financial reporting," said Don Chappel, chief financial officer for Williams. "Ted has had a very successful finance career at Williams and has strong technical knowledge of financial accounting."

Timmermans, 48, has held several increasingly responsible finance positions within Williams, ranging from energy-related start-up companies to established interstate natural gas pipelines.

Previously, Timmermans was assistant controller with responsibilities for SEC financial reporting and providing financial consulting to Williams' business units.

Timmermans joined Williams in 1978 in an internal auditor capacity, and held several positions within Williams' various subsidiaries, as well as serving in corporate finance and accounting positions.

He holds a bachelor of science degree in Accounting, a master of Business Administration and a master of science in Taxation. A certified public accountant, he is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Timmermans succeeds Gary Belitz, who is assuming a new position as vice president, Finance & Accounting for Williams' Exploration and Production business, effective August 5, 2005.

About Williams (NYSE:WMB)

Williams, through its subsidiaries, primarily finds, produces, gathers, processes and transports natural gas. The company also manages a wholesale power business. Williams' operations are concentrated in the Pacific Northwest, Rocky Mountains, Gulf Coast, Southern California and Eastern Seaboard. More information is available at <u>www.williams.com.</u>

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