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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**SCHEDULE TO**  
**Amendment No. 3**

(Rule 14d-100)

**Tender Offer Statement under Section 14(d)(1)**  
**or Section 13(e)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

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**THE WILLIAMS COMPANIES, INC.**

(Name of Subject Company (Issuer) and Filing Person (Offeror))

**5.50% Junior Subordinated Convertible Debentures due 2033**

(Title of Class of Securities)

**CUSIP Nos. 969457845 and 969457852**

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive  
Notices and Communications on Behalf of the Filing Person)

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- third-party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1
- issuer tender offer subject to Rule 13e-4
- going-private transaction subject to Rule 13e-3
- amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2

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This Amendment No. 3 to the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO amends and supplements the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 17, 2005 and amended on December 22, 2005 and December 29, 2005 by The Williams Companies, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), relating to the Company's offer, to pay a cash premium to holders of any and all of the Company's \$299,987,000 principal amount outstanding 5.50% Junior Subordinated Convertible Debentures due 2033 (the "Debentures"), who convert their Debentures to shares of the Company's common stock, \$1.00 par value per share ("Common Stock"), upon the terms and subject to the conditions contained in the Conversion Offer Prospectus filed November 17, 2005 and as amended on December 29, 2005 (as the same may be further amended or supplemented from time to time, the "Conversion Offer Prospectus") and the related Letter of Transmittal, which are parts of the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-4 filed November 17, 2005 and as amended on December 29, 2005 (SEC File No. 333-12779 and as the same may be further amended from time to time, the "Registration Statement") ..

The information set forth in the Registration Statement, including all filings incorporated therein by reference and any future filings incorporated therein by reference until the offering is completed, the Conversion Offer Prospectus and all exhibits thereto, and the accompanying Letter of Transmittal are hereby incorporated by reference.

This Issuer Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO is being filed in satisfaction of the reporting requirements of Rule 13e-4(c)(2) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

**Item 12. Exhibits.**

EXHIBIT  
NUMBER  
(a)(7)

DESCRIPTION

Press release dated January 11, 2006 (filed pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act of 1933 and deemed filed pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Securities Act of 1934)

SIGNATURES

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

THE WILLIAMS COMPANIES, INC.

By: /s/ Brian K. Shore  
Name: Brian K. Shore  
Title: Secretary

Dated: January 11, 2006