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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* BENDER JAMES J (Last) (First) (Middle) ONE WILLIAMS CENTER (Street) TULSA OK 74172 (City) (State) (Zip)	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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Sr. Vice President & GC
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/17/2008	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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 ⁽¹⁾	03/17/2008		M		24,971	A	\$32.27	61,586	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	03/17/2008		F		10,476	D	\$32.27	51,110	D	

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 ⁽²⁾	\$32.27	03/17/2008		M			24,971	03/17/2008	03/17/2008	Common Stock	24,971	\$32.27	121,538	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Payout of Restricted Stock Units (formerly referred to as Deferred Stock) in transaction exempt under Rules 16b-3(d) and 16b-6(b) of 24,971 shares of common stock awarded under The Williams Companies, Inc. 2002 Incentive Plan of which 10,476 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 an improvement in the Company's Economic Value Added over the three year period.

Remarks:

[Cher S. Lawrence, Attorney-in-Fact for Mr. James J. Bender](#) 03/19/2008

** 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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