

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549-0404

Mail Stop 3561

October 28, 2008

Mr. Donald R. Chappel Chief Financial Officer The Williams Companies, Inc. One Williams Center Tulsa, OK 74172

Re: The Williams Companies, Inc.

Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2007

Filed August 31, 2007

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Dear Mr. Chappel:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and related filings and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Thompson Accounting Branch Chief