## FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, I	D.C.	20549
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STATEMENT	OF CHANGES	IN BENEFICIAL	<b>OWNERSHIP</b>

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  LOWRIE WILLIAM G				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WILLIAMS COMPANIES INC [ WMB ]										ationship k all appl Direct	cable)	g Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 44 GOAT ISLAND PLACE				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/08/2008										Office below	(give title		Other (s below)	specify		
(Street) SHELDO			29941 Zip)		4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Indi Line) X	Form	or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable rm filed by One Reporting Person rm filed by More than One Reporting rrson				
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																				
Date				2. Transac Date (Month/Da	Execution Date,			Code (Instr. 5)					4 and Securit		ies For ially (D) Following (I) (I		: Direct Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
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	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 Da if any (Month/Day/\)	ate, Tr	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		n of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	y	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				C	ode	v	(A) (D)		Date Exercisable	Ex Da	piration te	Amo or Num of Title Shar		er						
Restricted Stock Units	\$27.5	09/08/2008		J	<sub>j</sub> (1)		93		(2)		(2)	Common Stock	93		\$27.5	29,354		D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Represents shares acquired from dividend reinvestment on restricted stock units, formerly referred to as deferred stock, for a dividend paid on September 8, 2008.
- 2. Restricted stock units that will be paid out in common stock at various dates in the future.

## Remarks:

Cher S. Lawrence, Attorney-in-Fact for Mr. William G. Lowrie

\*\* 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).
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