
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):

March 17, 2008

The Williams Companies, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-4174

73-0569878

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

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

One Williams Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma

74172

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

918-573-2000

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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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On March 16, 2008, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of The Williams Companies, Inc. ("Company") increased the size of the Board to thirteen and elected Mr. Joseph R. Cleveland to the Company's Board of Directors as a Class I director, to serve until the next Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The Board also appointed Mr. Cleveland to serve on the Audit Committee and the Finance Committee. Mr. Cleveland was identified by Mr. Michael P. Johnson, Senior Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer of the Company.

Cleveland, 63, is the former chief information officer for Lockheed Martin Corporation and president of Lockheed Martin Enterprise Information Systems.

There are no arrangements or understandings between Mr. Cleveland and any other person pursuant to which he was selected as a director of the Company.

Mr. Cleveland has no prior relationships or other transactions with the Company or its management.

A copy of the press release publicly announcing Mr. Cleveland's election is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- a) None
- b) None
- c) None
- d) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Copy of press release dated March 17, 2008, publicly reporting the election of Mr. Joseph R. Cleveland to the Company's Board 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.

The Williams Companies, Inc.

March 18, 2008

By: *Brian K. Shore*

Name: Brian K. Shore

Title: Corporate Secretary

Exhibit Index

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Copy of press release dated March 17, 2008, publicly reporting the election of Mr. Joseph R. Cleveland to the Company's Board.

Date:

March 17, 2008

Joseph R. Cleveland Joins Williams Board of Directors

TULSA, Okla. – Joseph R. Cleveland has been elected to the Williams (NYSE:WMB) board of directors. Cleveland, 63, is the former chief information officer for Lockheed Martin Corporation and president of Lockheed Martin Enterprise Information Systems.

In his former position, Cleveland was responsible for defining and ensuring the information technology needs of the entire \$41.9 billion Lockheed Martin Corporation. He was responsible for the consolidation and modernization of the IT infrastructure following the largest merger in the Aerospace and Defense industry – the 1995 merger of Lockheed and Martin Marietta.

He also was a key leader in Lockheed Martin’s culture, as he led the team that created the company’s proprietary measurement system that provides a quantitative assessment of the corporation’s progress toward the development of an inclusive work place.

“We are very pleased to be adding Joseph to our board,” said Steve Malcolm, chairman, president and chief executive officer. “His proven leadership and experience will be a tremendous asset for Williams and our shareholders.”

Cleveland has earned numerous industry recognitions for his accomplishments, including being listed as one of the Top 100 Most Influential People in IT by *eWeek* magazine. The Information Technology Senior Management Forum presented him with the 2006 Diamond Leadership award and his mentoring practices and diversity initiatives were profiled in *The Wall Street Journal* in 2005.

Cleveland’s primary residence is in Orlando, Fla. He previously divided his time between Lockheed Martin headquarters in Bethesda, Md., and Enterprise Information Systems operations in Orlando. He has a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from Tennessee State University and has completed extensive technical, business and leadership development training throughout his career.

He becomes the thirteenth member of Williams’ current board of directors. A listing of all Williams’ directors is available at www.williams.com.

About Williams (NYSE: WMB)

Williams, through its subsidiaries, finds, produces, gathers, processes and transports natural gas. Williams’ operations are concentrated in the Pacific Northwest, Rocky Mountains, Gulf Coast, and Eastern Seaboard. More information is available at <http://www.williams.com>. Go to <http://www.b2i.us/irpass.asp?BzID=630&to=ea&s=0> to join our e-mail list.

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