#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE TO (RULE 14D-100)

TENDER OFFER STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 14(d)(1) OR SECTION 13(e)(1) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

#### BARRETT RESOURCES CORPORATION (Name of Subject Company (Issuer))

RESOURCES ACQUISITION CORP.

a wholly owned subsidiary of

THE WILLIAMS COMPANIES, INC. (Names of Filing Persons (Offerors))

Common Stock, Par Value \$.01 Per Share (Including the Associated Preferred Stock Purchase Rights) (Title of Class of Securities)

068480201 (CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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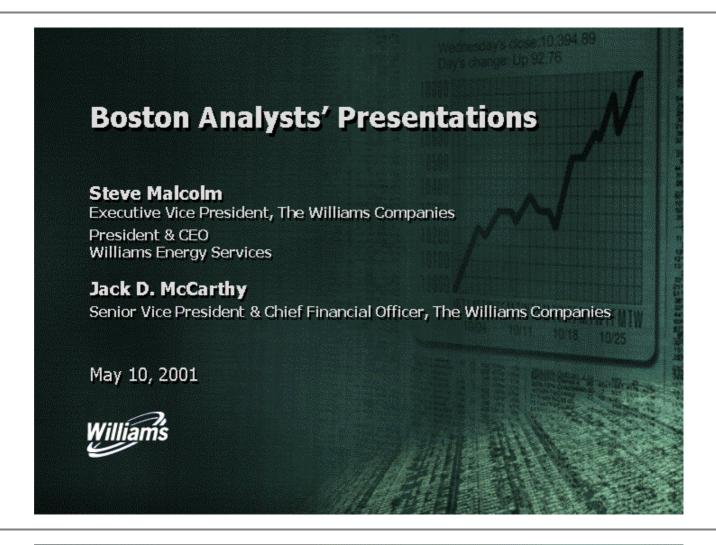
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### Forward-looking statements

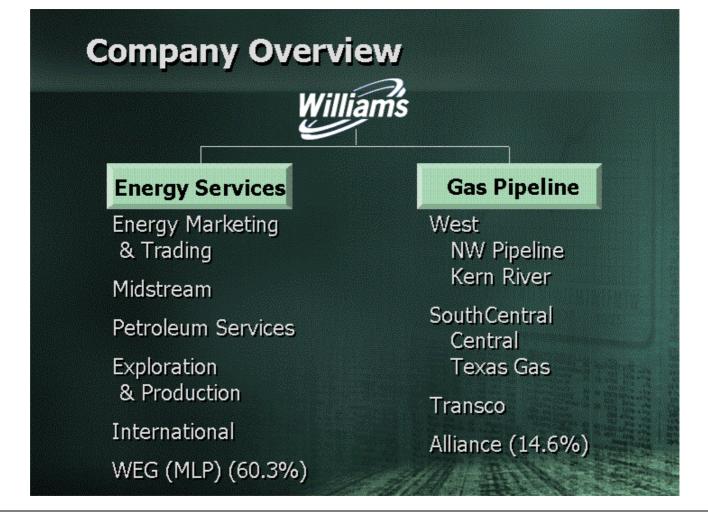
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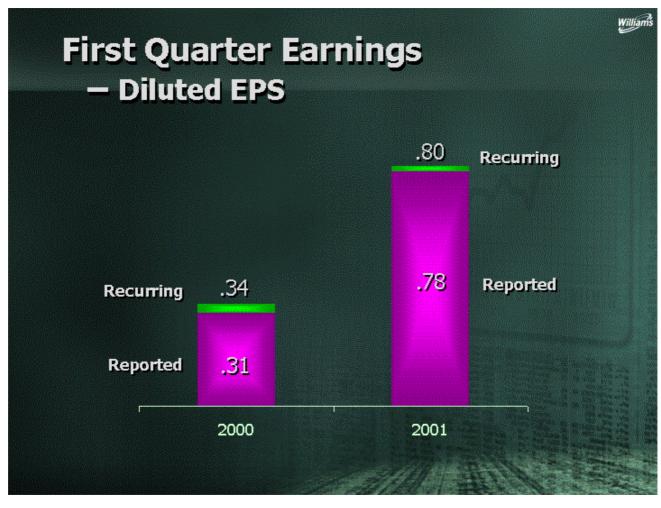
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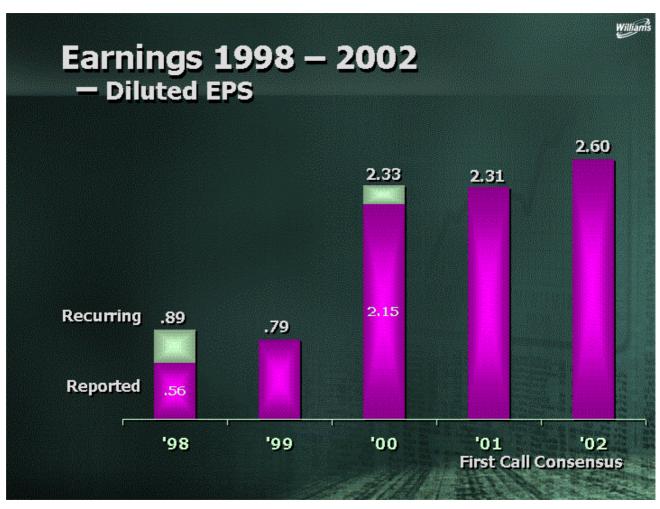
The following are important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from any results projected, forecasted, estimated or

- Changes in general economic conditions in the United States.
   Changes in federal or state laws and regulations to which Williams is subject, including tax, environmental and employment laws and regulations.
- The cost and effects of legal and administrative daims and proceedings against Williams or its subsidiaries. Conditions of the capital markets Williams utilizes to access capital to finance operations.
- The ability to raise capital in a cost-effective way.
- The effect of changes in accounting policies.
- The ability to manage rapid growth.
- The ability to control costs.
- The ability of each business unit to successfully implement key systems, such as order entry systems and service delivery systems.
- Changes in foreign economies, currendes, laws and regulations, and political dimates, especially in Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Venezuela, Lithuania and Australia, where Williams has made direct investments.
- · The impact of future federal and state regulations of business activities, including allowed rates of return, the pace of deregulation in retail natural gas and electricity markets, and the resolution of other regulatory matters related to 'Williams' businesses.
- Fluctuating energy commodity prices.
- . The ability of Williams' energy businesses to develop expanded markets and product offerings as well as their ability to maintain existing markets.
- The ability of both the Gas Pipeline unit and the Energy Services unit to obtain governmental and regulatory approval of various expansion projects.
- The ability of customers of the energy marketing and trading business to obtain governmental and regulatory approval of various projects, including power generation projects.
- Future utilization of pipeline capacity, which can depend on energy prices, competition from other pipelines and alternative fuels, the general level of natural gas and petroleum product demand, decisions by customers not to renew expiring natural gas transportation contracts and weather conditions.
- The accuracy of estimated hydrocarbon reserves and seismic data.
- The ability to successfully integrate any newly acquired businesses.

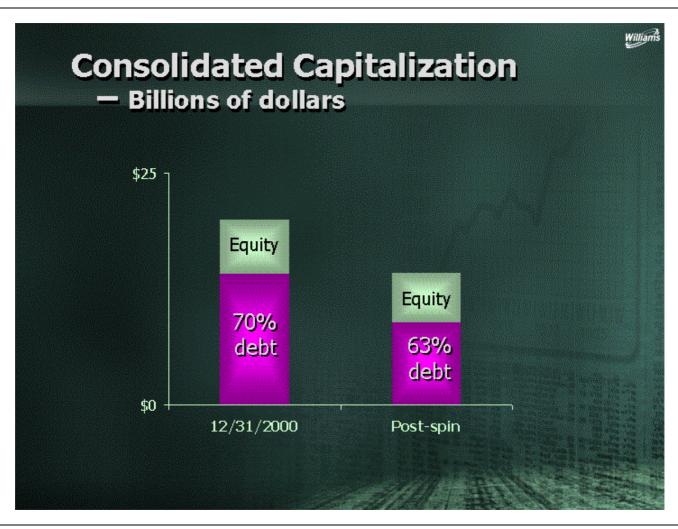


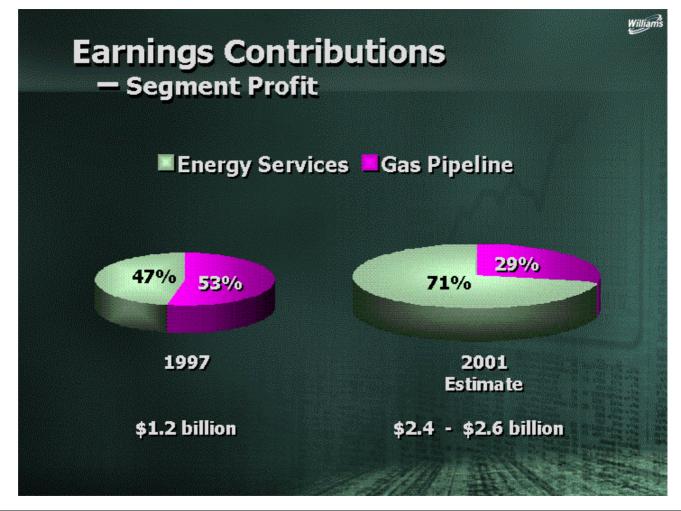


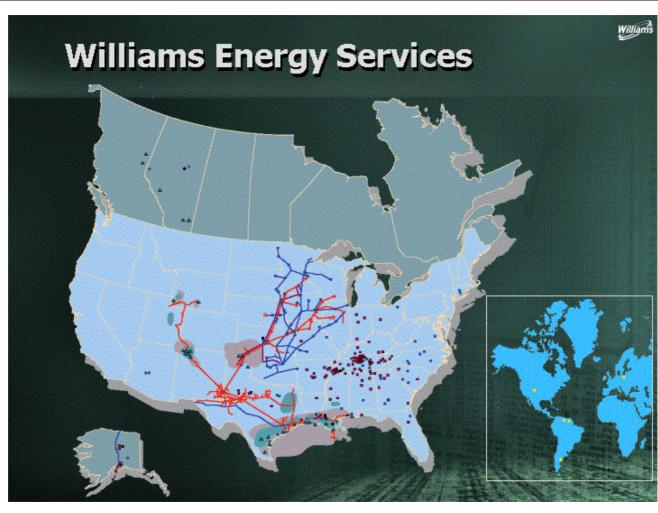










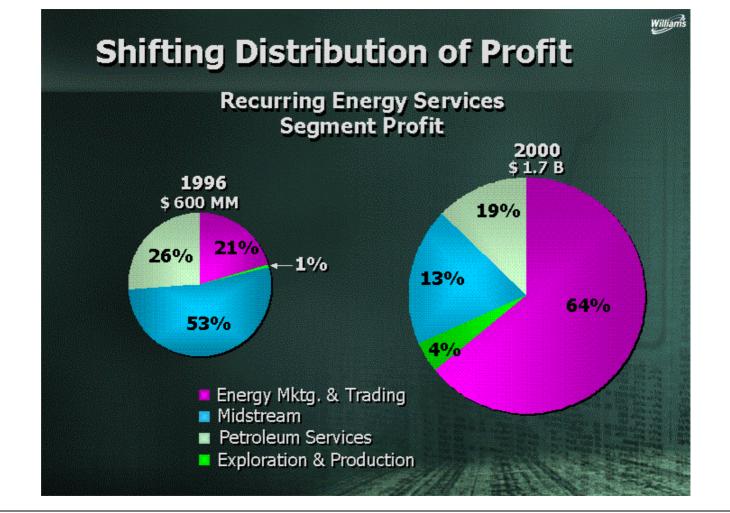


## **Aggressive Growth Strategy**

Continuously grow a portfolio of energy businesses, each of which meets the following criteria:

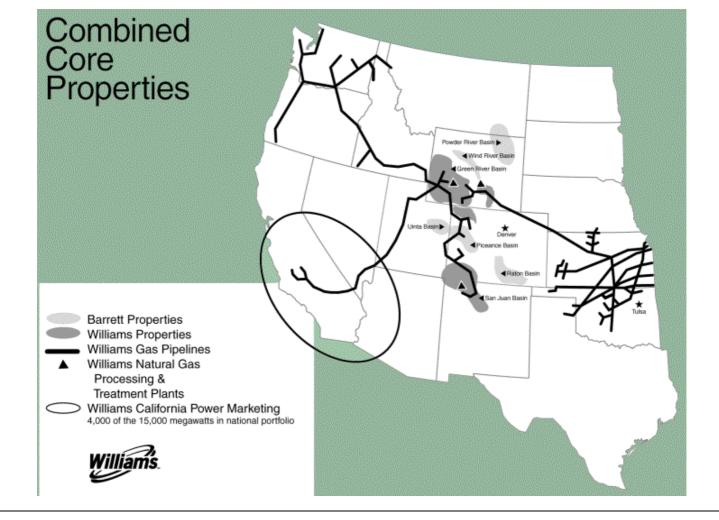
- Stand-alone attractive returns
- Provide a platform for growth
- Additional value creation through marketing and trading

#### Williams **Growth in Infrastructure** After MAPCO 10 Q1 1998 2001 <u>Target</u> Structured Power Portfolio (MW) 40,000 14,800 110 Processing capacity (Bcf/d) 2.3 11.9 Selected Fractionation capacity (bbl/d) 107,000 274,000 regional NGL storage capacity (mmbbls) 19.3 64.0 growth NGL transportation pipe (miles) 10,316 14,300 Refining Capacity 157,000 227,000 Terminal storage (mmbbls) 25.6 47.6 MIP TravelCenters (# of locations) 6 58 70 Natural Gas Reserves (Bcf) 708 1,202 1,500 Natural Gas Production (mmcfe/d) 350 118 220



### The Barrett Merger

- Williams
- Establishes a long-term natural gas hedge for its increasing North American power generation position
- Allows for continued growth of power business
- Offers substantial production growth potential
  - Exploitation of its long-life tight gas and coal bed methane reserves
  - Substantial undeveloped upside
- Provides additional midstream value opportunities
- · Accretive to EPS and CFPS measures
- New core areas



Recent Acquisitions					
Announced Date	Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Transaction Value	Reserves US\$/mcfe	
02/12/01	Anadarko	Berkley Petroleum Corp.	\$994	\$1.43	
02/08/01	Calpine Corp.	Encal Energy Ltd.	1,129	1.58	
01/18/01	Burlington Resources	ATCO Viking-Kinsella Prop	, 328	1.31	
12/29/00	Newfield Exploration	Lariat Petroleum, Inc.	333	1.30	
12/22/00	Marathon Oil	Pennaco Energy Inc.	500	2.56	
10/16/00	Calpine Corp.	TriGas Exploration	101	1.71	
10/04/00	Murphy Oil	Beau Canada Ltd.	278	0.98	
08/28/00	PanCanadian	Montana Power	473	1.28	
05/15/00	Hunt Oil Co.	Newport Petroleum Corp.	516	1.31	
05/02/00	Alberta Energy Co. Ltd.	McMurry Oil et al	777	1.30	
04/17/00	Anderson Exploration	Ulster Petroleums Ltd.	646	1.08	
04/10/00	Unocal	Northrock Resources	519	0.93	
04/03/00	Anadarko Pet, Corp.	UPR Group Inc.	7,911	1,39	
			Source:	Memili Lynch	

### Barrett Proved Reserves - 2.1 tcfe

#### Additions since 12/31/00:

- Addition to core Piceance Basin reserves
- Direct offset locations to producing wells
- Confirmed with third party reserves auditor
- Qualified under SEC guidelines

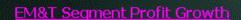
#### Barrett Merger Accretive to WMB Earnings

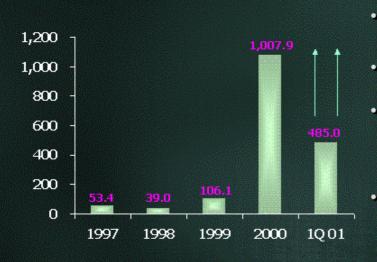
#### Based on:

- 10-year strip, discounted
- Existing hedges on production
- Conservative production profile
- Minimal cost savings from operational overlap

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# EM&T – Engine for Future Growth



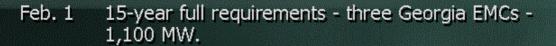


- Dramatic increase in operating profit
- 2<sup>nd</sup> most profitable
- Pioneer of long-term structured power solutions
  - Top 3 NGL marketer

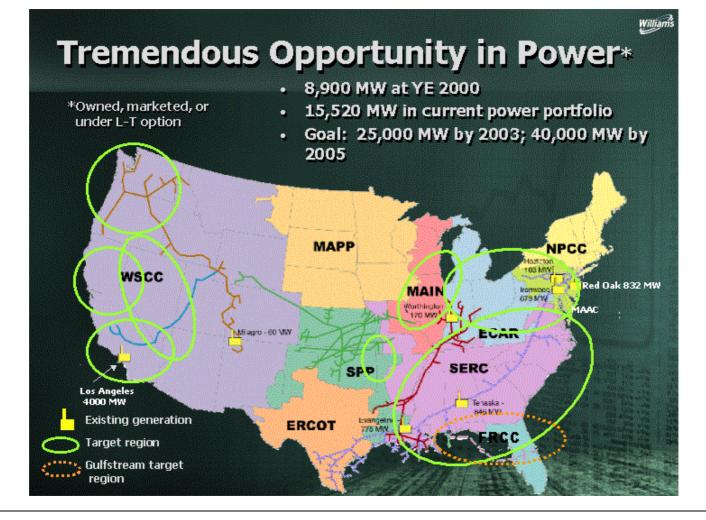
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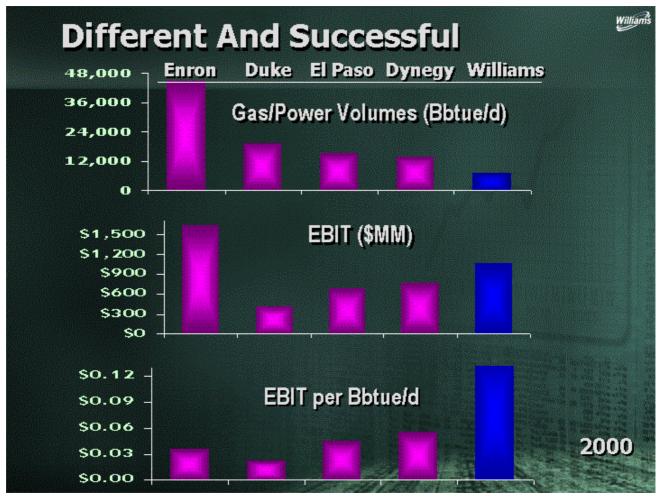
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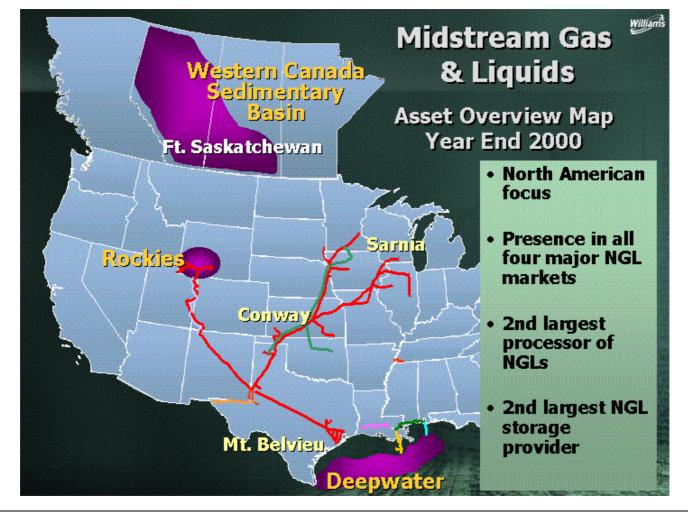
#### Recent EM&T transactions

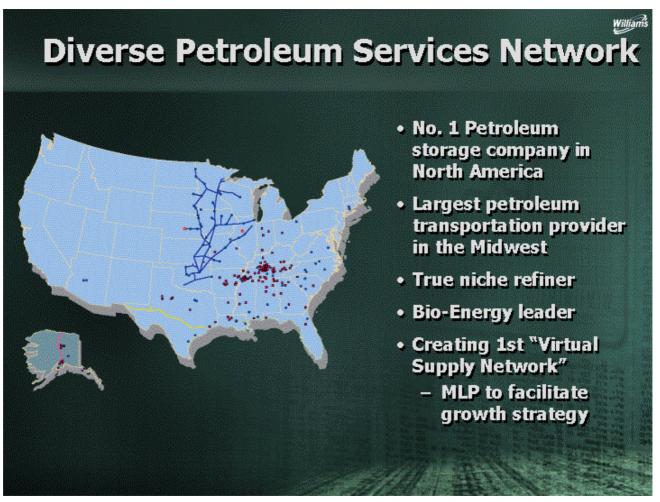


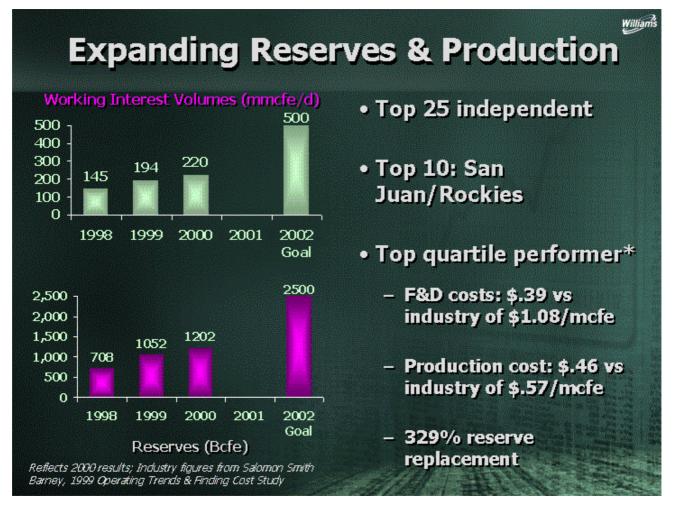
- Feb. 6 5-year power agreement Pennsylvania and New Jersey 450 megawatts.
- Feb. 20 16-year tolling agreement supply fuel to and market 3,300 MW of capacity six power generation facilities Kinder Morgan Power Company
- Feb. 22 10-year, fixed-price power agreement with the California DWR up to 1,400 megawatts (MW)
- Apr. 19 Plans to develop 1,230 MW power generation plant Georgia
- Apr. 30 15-year full requirements power agreement Jackson EMC 1,100 MW

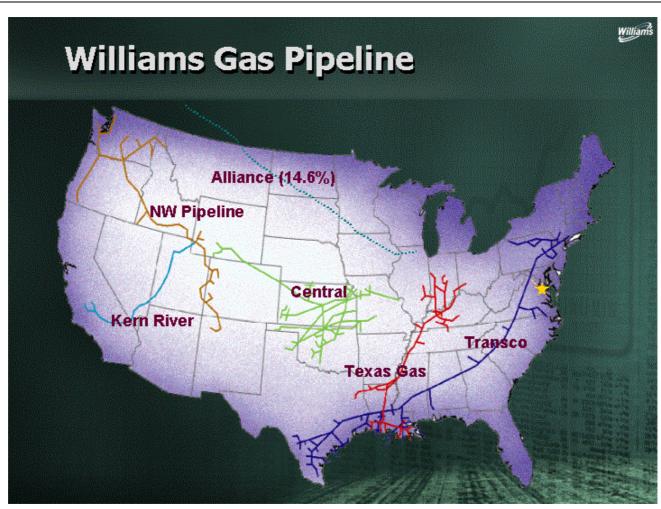


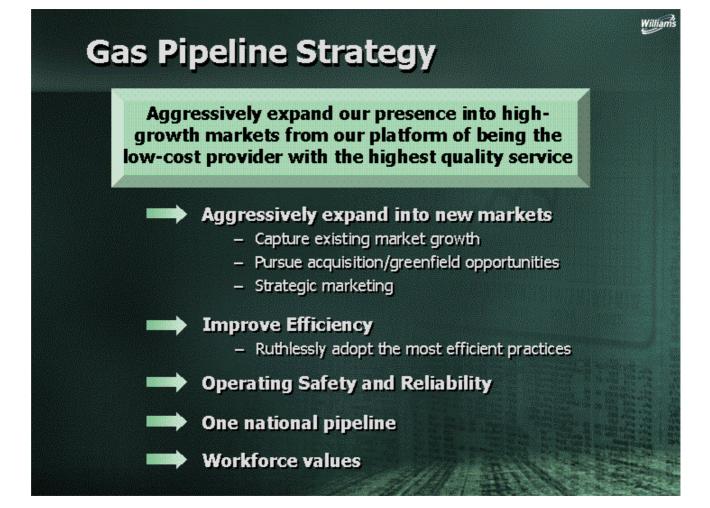


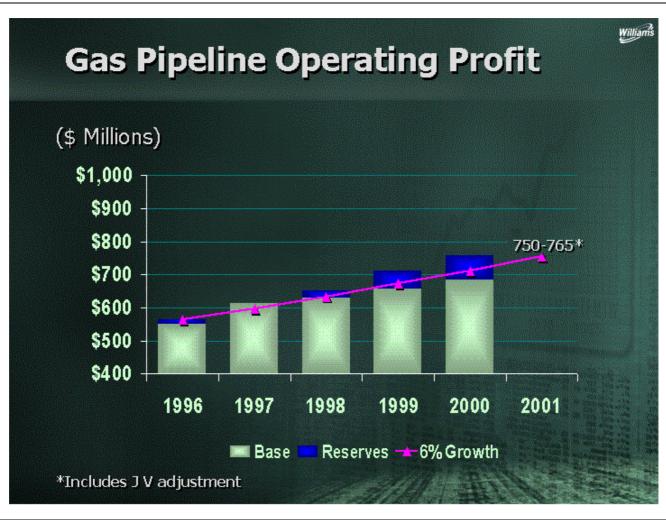


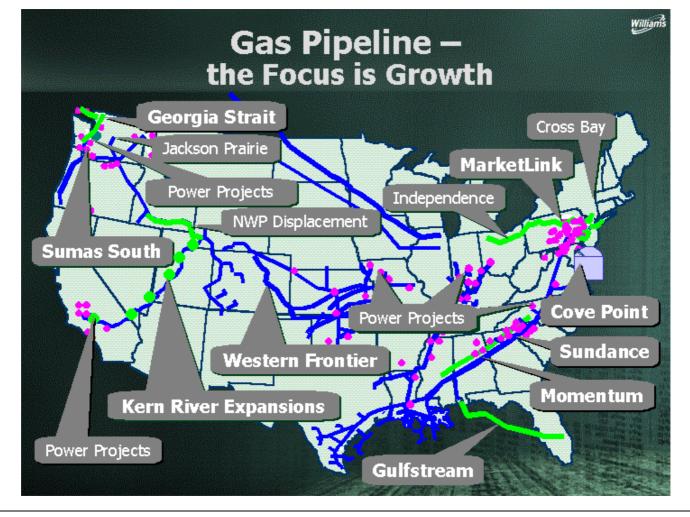


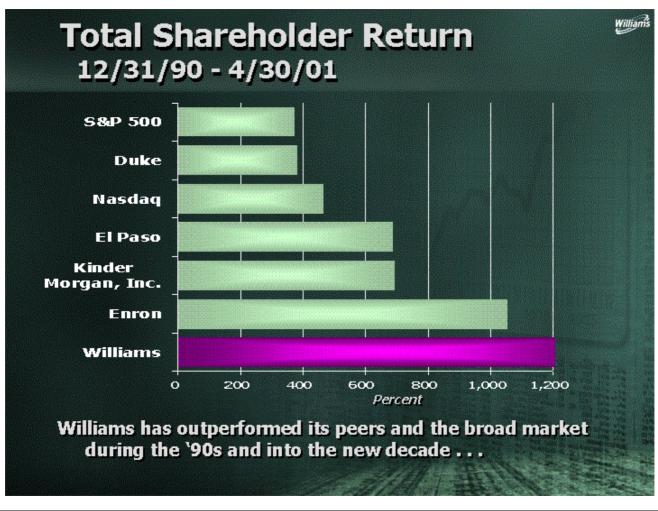


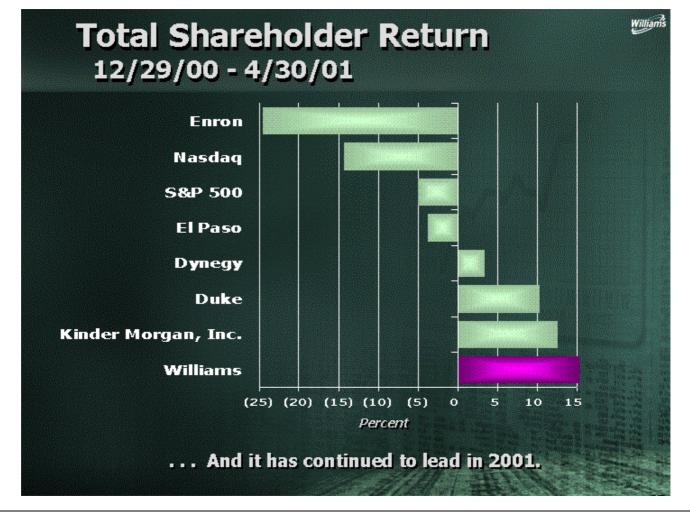


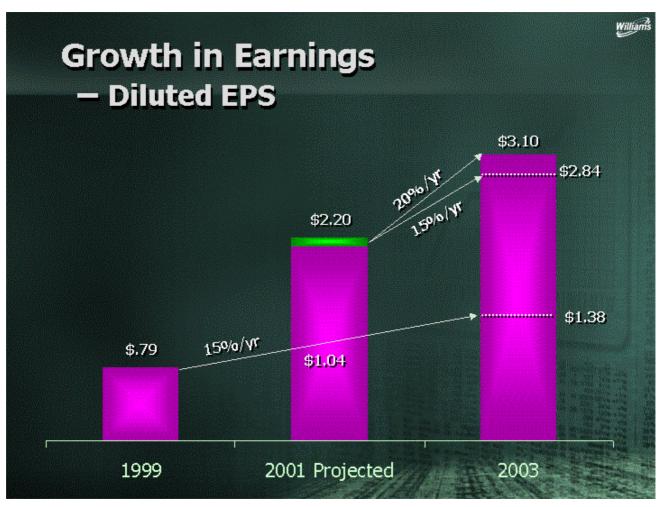












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#### **Compelling Value**

	May 7, 2001	2001 FC	
	Closing Price	EPS Est.	<u>P/E</u>
Dynegy	53.09	1.99	26.7
Duke	45.10	2.46	18.3
El Paso	66.55	3.33	20.0
Enron	58.04	1.79	32.4
Kinder Morgan	56.86	1.81	31.4
Williams	39.28	2.31	<b>17.0</b>

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In addition to the tender offer materials and the registration statement and the joint proxy statement/prospectus to be filed in connection with the merger, Williams and Barrett file annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any reports, statements or other information filed by Barrett or Williams at the SEC Public Reference Rooms at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549 or at any of the SEC's other public reference rooms in New York and Chicago. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference rooms. Williams' and Barrett's filings with the SEC are also available to the public from commercial document-retrieval services and at the web site maintained by the SEC at Free copies of the tender offer materials and joint proxy statement/prospectus, when available, and these other documents may also be obtained from Williams by directing a request through the investors relations portion of Williams' Williams' website at or by mail to The Williams Companies, Inc., One Williams Center, 50th Floor, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74172, Attention: Investors Relations, Telephone: 800-600-3782.