

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): October 23, 2002

The Williams Companies, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware ----- (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	1-4174 ----- (Commission File Number)	73-0569878 ----- (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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One Williams Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma ----- (Address of principal executive offices)	74172 ----- (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 918/573-2000

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

The Williams Companies, Inc. wishes to disclose for Regulation FD purposes its press release dated October 23, 2002, filed herewith as Exhibit 99.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Williams has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE WILLIAMS COMPANIES, INC.

Date: October 24, 2002

/s/ Suzanne H. Costin

Name: Suzanne H. Costin
Title: Corporate Secretary

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT NUMBER -----	DESCRIPTION -----
99	Copy of Williams' press release dated October 23, 2002.

OCTOBER 23, 2002

WILLIAMS MOVES EARNINGS ANNOUNCEMENT TO NOVEMBER:
CITES STATUS OF POTENTIAL ASSET SALES

TULSA, OKLA. -- As a result of ongoing negotiations in relation to planned asset sales, Williams (NYSE:WMB) has rescheduled its third-quarter earnings report for November.

The earnings report will coincide with the filing of the company's Form 10-Q with the Securities and Exchange Commission that is due Nov. 14.

Steve Malcolm, chairman, president and chief executive officer, said, "We are in active discussions involving transactions for portions of our petroleum services and energy marketing and risk management businesses. At this point, we believe it would be premature to release earnings until we can ascertain the definitive terms of these potential sales."

As has previously been announced, Williams has initiated a program to strengthen the company's finances through selling assets and using the proceeds to reduce debt and improve liquidity. Developments between now and Nov. 14 could have a material impact on the company's reported results.

ABOUT WILLIAMS (NYSE: WMB)

Williams moves, manages and markets a variety of energy products, including natural gas, liquid hydrocarbons, petroleum and electricity. Based in Tulsa, Okla., Williams' operations span the energy value chain from wellhead to burner tip. Company information is available at www.williams.com.

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