

June 18, 2008

Mr. H. Christopher Owings  
Assistant Director  
United States Securities and Exchange Commission  
Mail Stop 3561  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**RE: The Williams Companies, Inc.  
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2007  
File No. 1-4174**

Dear Mr. Owings;

With respect to your letter dated June 13, 2008 regarding your review of our filing, you request a response to the respective comments within 10 business days or for us to advise of when we would provide a response. Pursuant to my conversation yesterday with Mr. Andrew Blume, I am writing to request additional time to provide our responses. Because certain key individuals are out of town part of both this week and next week, I would appreciate an extension for our response until July 8, 2008.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Vice President Controller and  
Chief Accounting Officer  
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