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# FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Timmermans Ted T			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			WILLIAMS COMPANIES INC [WMB]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)  ONE WILLIA	(Last) (First) (Middle) E WILLIAMS CENTER		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/03/2009	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Vice President and Controller		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person		
TULSA, OK 74172				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	rities Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock (1) (2)	03/03/2009		M	9,009	A	\$ 10.06	11,390	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2009		F	3,218	D	\$ 10.06	8,172	D	
Common Stock (3)	03/03/2009		M	4,505	A	\$ 10.06	12,677	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2009		F	1,440	D	\$ 10.06	11,237	D	
Common Stock (4)							13,015	I	By employee stock plan

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Code S (Instr. 8) 4	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V (	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units (1) (2)	\$ 10.06	03/03/2009		M	9,009	03/03/2009	03/03/2009	Common Stock	9,009
Restricted Stock Units (3)	\$ 10.06	03/03/2009		M	4,505	03/03/2009	03/03/2009	Common Stock	4,505

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Timmermans Ted T

ONE WILLIAMS CENTER Vice President and Controller TULSA, OK 74172

**Signatures** 

Cher S. Lawrence, Attorney-in-Fact for Ted T.

Timmermans

03/05/2009

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Payout of performance-based Restricted Stock Units, in a transaction exempt under Rules 16b-3(d) and 16b-6(b), of shares of common stock awarded under The Williams Companies, Inc. 2007 Incentive Plan of which a portion of the shares were withheld for taxes.

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Vesting was subject to applicable grant agreement and compensation committee certification that the Company met the three year performance measure. The specific performance measure was based on an improvement in the Company's Economic Value Added over the three year period.

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- (4) Represents total shares of the Company's common stock held in The Investment Plus Plan.

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