

WRIGHT PHILLIP D  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
WRIGHT PHILLIP D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
WILLIAMS COMPANIES INC  
[WMB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
ONE WILLIAMS CENTER  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/03/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Subsidiary Sr. Vice President

TULSA, OK 74172  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	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
Common Stock <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	03/03/2009		M		31,374	A	\$ 10.06
Common Stock	03/03/2009		F		8,299	D	\$ 10.06
Common Stock <u>(3)</u>	03/03/2009		M		10,458	A	\$ 10.06
Common Stock	03/03/2009		F		2,767	D	\$ 10.06
Common Stock							15,421
						I	By employee stock plan

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)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 10.06	03/03/2009		M	31,374	03/03/2009	03/03/2009	Common Stock	31,374
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 10.06	03/03/2009		M	10,458	03/03/2009	03/03/2009	Common Stock	10,458

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WRIGHT PHILLIP D ONE WILLIAMS CENTER TULSA, OK 74172			Subsidiary Sr. Vice President	

## Signatures

Cher S. Lawrence, Attorney-in-Fact for Phillip D. Wright  
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
- (2) performance measure. The specific performance measure was based on an improvement in the Company's Economic Value Added over the three year period.
  - (3) Payout of 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.
  - (4) Represents total shares of the Company's common stock held in The Investment Plus Plan.

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