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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) - March 8, 2002

THE WILLIAMS COMPANIES, INC. (Name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE (State or other jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation or organization)

1-4174

73-0569878 Identification No.)

ONE WILLIAMS CENTER TULSA, OKLAHOMA 74172 (918) 573-2000

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of Registrant's principal executive offices)

N/A

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

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

On March 8, 2002, The Williams Companies, Inc. (NYSE: WMB) reported that it is pursuing the sale of Williams Pipe Line to Williams Energy Partners L.P. (NYSE: WEG) for at least \$900 million. The sale is expected to close before the

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end of the second quarter.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

- (c) Exhibits
 - 99.1 Copy of Williams' press release dated March 8, 2002, publicly announcing the matters reported herein.

SIGNATURES

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

THE WILLIAMS COMPANIES, INC.

Date: March 8, 2002

By: /s/ WILLIAM G. von GLAHN

Name: William G. von Glahn

Title: Senior Vice President and General Counsel

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