

WILLIAMS COMPANIES INC  
Form 8-K  
March 10, 2017

**UNITED STATES**  
**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 9, 2017**

**The Williams Companies, Inc.**  
**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction**  
**of Incorporation)**

**One Williams Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma**

**001-04174**  
**(Commission**  
**File Number)**

**73-0569878**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
**Identification No.)**

**74172**

**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**(918) 573-2000**

**(Zip Code)**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

**Not Applicable**

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

**Williams Partners L.P.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction**  
  
**of Incorporation)**

**001-34831**  
**(Commission**  
  
**File Number)**

**20-2485124**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
  
**Identification No.)**

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

On March 9, 2017, The Williams Companies, Inc. ( Williams ) and Donald R. Chappel, its Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, determined a plan for Mr. Chappel to retire from Williams, targeting late 2017. When Mr. Chappel retires from Williams, he will also resign as a Director and Chief Financial Officer of WPZ GP LLC (the General Partner ), a wholly owned subsidiary of Williams and the general partner of Williams Partners L.P. (the Partnership ). Mr. Chappel s retirement is not due to any disagreement with Williams, the General Partner, or the Partnership. Williams is initiating a search process to identify Mr. Chappel s successor, and Williams and Mr. Chappel are coordinating for a well-planned, smooth transition of responsibilities to Mr. Chappel s successor.

**SIGNATURE**

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 thereunto duly authorized.

THE WILLIAMS COMPANIES, INC.

By: /s/ Sarah C. Miller  
Sarah C. Miller  
Senior Vice President & General Counsel

WILLIAMS PARTNERS L.P.

By: WPZ GP LLC, its General Partner  
By: /s/ Sarah C. Miller  
Sarah C. Miller  
Senior Vice President &  
General Counsel

DATED: March 10, 2017