

WILLIAMS COMPANIES INC

Form 8-K

March 16, 2004

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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 15, 2004

**The Williams Companies, Inc.**

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

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1-4174

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73-0569878

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(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

One Williams Center, Tulsa,  
Oklahoma

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74172

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(Address of principal executive  
offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 918/573-2000

Not Applicable

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

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Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

a) None

b) None

c) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Copy of The Williams Companies ( Williams ) press release dated March 15, 2004, publicly reporting the matters discussed herein, furnished pursuant to Item 9.

Exhibit 99.2 Copy of Williams press release dated March 15, 2004, publicly reporting the matters discussed herein, furnished pursuant to Item 9.

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On March 15, 2004, Williams issued a press release publicly reporting that it has recorded an additional \$12 million, or 2 cents per share, in after-tax income in the company s 2003 financial results.

Also, on March 15, 2004, Williams issued a press release publicly reporting that it has retired a \$679 million obligation pertaining to the outstanding balance of 9.25 percent Notes due March 15, 2004.

Copies of the press releases are furnished as Exhibit 99.1 and Exhibit 99.2 to this report.

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

THE WILLIAMS COMPANIES, INC.

Date: March 16, 2004

/s/ Brian K. Shore  
Name: Brian K. Shore  
Title: Secretary

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