

HOBBS WILLIAM E  
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# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
HOBBS WILLIAM E

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/22/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Subsidiary Sr. Vice President

ONE WILLIAMS CENTER

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

TULSA, OK 74172

(City) (State) (Zip)

### 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |  |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>     | 02/22/2005                           |  | M                              | 11,944 A \$ 18.56   | 19,591  | D  |  |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>     | 02/22/2005                           |  | F                              | 3,954 D \$ 18.56  | 15,637  | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 4,772   | I  | By EBP Trust                               |

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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) |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   |  |   |              |                            |
| Deferred Stock <sup>(1)</sup>              | \$ 18.56   | 02/22/2005                           |  | M                              | 11,944  | 02/22/2005   | 02/22/2005  | Common Stock | 11,944                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                            | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| HOBBS WILLIAM E<br>ONE WILLIAMS CENTER<br>TULSA, OK 74172 |               |           | Subsidiary Sr. Vice President |       |

## Signatures

Cher S. Lawrence, Attorney-in-Fact for William E. Hobbs 02/24/2005

\_\_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 a Deferred Stock Award in transaction exempt under Rules 16b-3(d) and 16b-6(b) of 11,667 shares of common stock awarded under The Williams Companies, Inc. 2002 Incentive Plan of which 4,020 shares were withheld for taxes.

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