

CHAPPEL DONALD R

Form 4

March 05, 2009

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CHAPPEL DONALD R

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
X Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
Sr. Vice President & CFO

TULSA, OK 74172

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

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

(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	03/03/2009		M		54,492	A	\$ 10.06
Common Stock	03/03/2009		F		17,411	D	\$ 10.06
Common Stock <u>(3)</u>	03/03/2009		M		18,164	A	\$ 10.06
Common Stock	03/03/2009		F		6,852	D	\$ 10.06

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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾	\$ 10.06	03/03/2009		M		54,492		03/03/2009	03/03/2009	Common Stock	54,492
Restricted Stock Units ⁽³⁾	\$ 10.06	03/03/2009		M		18,164		03/03/2009	03/03/2009	Common Stock	18,164

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
CHAPPEL DONALD R ONE WILLIAMS CENTER TULSA, OK 74172	Sr. Vice President & CFO

Signatures

Cher S. Lawrence, Attorney-in-Fact for Mr. Donald R.
Chappel 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).

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(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.

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 improvement in the Company's Economic Value Added over the three year period.

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- (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.

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