

MALCOLM STEVEN J
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 MALCOLM STEVEN J

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)
 02/23/2009

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 President & CEO

TULSA, OK 74172
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares	
			Code	V	(A)	(D)			
Restricted Stock Units <u>(1)</u>	\$ 10.86	02/23/2009	A		288,401	02/23/2012	02/23/2012	Common Stock	288,401
Restricted Stock Units <u>(2)</u>	\$ 10.86	02/23/2009	A		55,000	03/03/2009	03/03/2009	Common Stock	55,000
Employee Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.86	02/23/2009	A		169,429	02/23/2010	02/23/2019	Common Stock	169,429
Employee Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.86	02/23/2009	A		169,429	02/23/2011	02/23/2019	Common Stock	169,429
Employee Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.86	02/23/2009	A		169,429	02/23/2012	02/23/2019	Common Stock	169,429

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MALCOLM STEVEN J ONE WILLIAMS CENTER TULSA, OK 74172	X		President & CEO	

Signatures

Cher S. Lawrence, Attorney-in-Fact for Steven J. Malcolm
02/25/2009

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- Vesting is subject to applicable grant agreement and compensation committee certification that the Company has met the three year performance measure. The specific performance measure will be based on total shareholder return with absolute and relative dependent measures.
- (1) performance measure. The specific performance measure will be based on total shareholder return with absolute and relative dependent measures.
 - (2) Represents restricted stock units acquired pursuant to the 2006 performance-based grant agreement as a result of EVA attainment of 150%, as certified by the compensation committee.

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