WILLIAMS COMPANIES INC Form 8-K July 15, 2011

# 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): July 15, 2011

# THE WILLIAMS COMPANIES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction

1-4174 (Commission 73-0569878 (I.R.S. Employer

of Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

One Williams Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74172
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)
Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code: 918/573-2000

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| following provisions: |                      |                     |                     |                        |                         |                     |
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- " 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 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosures

On July 15, 2011, The Williams Companies, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release responding to Southern Union Company s decision to engage in discussions with the Company with regard to the Company s proposal to acquire Southern Union Company. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

The information is being furnished pursuant to Item 7.01, Regulation FD Disclosure. The information being furnished in this Item 7.01 and in the attached Exhibit 99.1 is not deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, is not subject to the liabilities of that section and is not deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

#### Item 8.01 Other Events

To the extent required, the information included in Item 7.01 of this Form 8-K is hereby incorporated by reference into this Item 8.01.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

#### Exhibit

No. Description

99.1 Press Release of The Williams Companies, Inc., dated July 15, 2011.

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#### **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 hereunto duly authorized.

THE WILLIAMS COMPANIES, INC.

By: /s/ Sarah C. Miller Sarah C. Miller Assistant Secretary

DATED: July 15, 2011

#### EXHIBIT INDEX

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