

WRIGHT PHILLIP D  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
WRIGHT PHILLIP D

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)  
02/23/2009

\_\_\_\_ 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 Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			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)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Rrestricted Stock Units	\$ 10.86	02/23/2009	A	58,516					02/23/2012	02/23/2012	Common Stock	58,516
Rrestricted Stock Units <u>(1)</u>	\$ 10.86	02/23/2009	A	58,516					02/23/2012	02/23/2012	Common Stock	58,516
Rrestricted Stock Units <u>(2)</u>	\$ 10.86	02/23/2009	A	10,458					03/03/2009	03/03/2009	Common Stock	10,458
Employee Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.86	02/23/2009	A	29,466					02/23/2010	02/23/2019	Common Stock	29,466
Employee Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.86	02/23/2009	A	29,466					02/23/2011	02/23/2019	Common Stock	29,466
Employee Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.86	02/23/2009	A	29,466					02/23/2012	02/23/2019	Common Stock	29,466

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WRIGHT PHILLIP D ONE WILLIAMS CENTER TULSA, OK 74172			Subsidiary Sr. Vice President	

## Signatures

Cher S. Lawrence, Attorney-in-Fact for Phillip D. Wright  
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).

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- 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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