

WILLIAMS COMPANIES INC  
Form 8-K  
January 22, 2008

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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):

January 15, 2008

The Williams Companies, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-4174

73-0569878

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
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

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)  
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 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))

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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On January 15, 2008, The Williams Companies, Inc. ("Williams") announced that Mr. Michael P. Johnson will be retiring as Senior Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer effective March 31, 2008.

A copy of the press release announcing Mr. Johnson's retirement is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

- a) None
- b) None
- c) None
- d) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated January 15, 2008, announcing the retirement of Mr. Michael P. Johnson.

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**SIGNATURES**

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.

*January 22, 2008*

By: *Brian K. Shore*

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*Name: Brian K. Shore*  
*Title: Corporate Secretary*

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<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press release dated January 15, 2008, announcing the retirement of Mr. Michael P. Johnson.