

Rainey Craig L
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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 *
 Rainey Craig L

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)
 02/23/2013

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP & General Counsel

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
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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 (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	02/23/2013		M	8,504 A \$ 0	29,227	D	
Common Stock	02/23/2013		F	2,831 D \$ 33.57	26,396	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	02/23/2013		M	7,229 A \$ 0	33,625	D	
Common Stock	02/23/2013		F	2,187 D \$ 33.57	31,438	D	

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
					V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		
Restricted Stock Units ⁽²⁾	\$ 0	02/23/2013		A		3,986		02/23/2013	02/23/2013	Common Stock	3,986
Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0	02/23/2013		M		8,504		02/23/2013	02/23/2013	Common Stock	8,504
Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0	02/23/2013		M		7,229		02/23/2013	02/23/2013	Common Stock	7,229
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	02/25/2013		A		10,426		02/25/2016	02/25/2016	Common Stock	10,426
Restricted Stock Units ⁽³⁾	\$ 0	02/25/2013		A		15,239		02/25/2016	02/25/2016	Common Stock	15,239
Employee Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.57	02/25/2013		A		10,354		02/25/2014	02/25/2023	Common Stock	10,354
Employee Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.57	02/25/2013		A		10,354		02/25/2015	02/25/2023	Common Stock	10,354
Employee Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.57	02/25/2013		A		10,354		02/25/2016	02/25/2023	Common Stock	10,354

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Rainey Craig L ONE WILLIAMS CENTER TULSA, OK 74172			SVP & General Counsel	

Signatures

Cher S. Lawrence, Attorney-in-Fact for Mr. Craig L.
Rainey

02/26/2013

 **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).
- (1) 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.
- (2) Represents restricted stock units acquired pursuant to the 2010 performance-based RSU grant agreement resulting from the performance of defined relative and absolute Total Shareholder Return ("TSR") metrics, as certified by the compensation committee.

Vesting is subject to applicable grant agreement and compensation committee certification that the Company has met the three year
- (3) performance measure. The specific performance measure will be based on total shareholder return with absolute and relative dependent measures.

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