

Rainey Craig L  
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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 \*  
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  
 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 (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Code V Amount Price                                    |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>     | 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 <sup>(1)</sup>     | 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 <sup>(2)</sup>      | \$ 0   | 02/23/2013                           |  | A                              | 3,986   |       |     | 02/23/2013   | 02/23/2013      | Common Stock  | 3,986                      |
| Restricted Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>      | \$ 0   | 02/23/2013                           |  | M                              |   | 8,504 |     | 02/23/2013   | 02/23/2013      | Common Stock  | 8,504                      |
| Restricted Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>      | \$ 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 <sup>(3)</sup>      | \$ 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<br>ONE WILLIAMS CENTER<br>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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