WILLIAMS COMPANIES INC Form 8-K January 22, 2008

# 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   |
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| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)   | (Commission<br>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 nam   | e or former address, if changed since l                                    | ast report   |
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| Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing he following provisions:  | g is intended to simultaneously satisfy                                    | the filing obligation of the registrant under any of |
| <ul> <li>Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under</li> <li>Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under t</li> <li>Pre-commencement communications pursuant to R</li> <li>Pre-commencement communications pursuant to R</li> </ul> | he Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12<br>tule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act | (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))                                |

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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

Name: Brian K. Shore Title: Corporate Secretary

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