

WILLIAMS COMPANIES INC  
Form 8-K  
October 01, 2010

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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):

October 1, 2010

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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 5.04 Temporary Suspension of Trading Under Registrant's Employee Benefit Plans.**

On October 1, 2010, The Williams Companies, Inc. (the "Company") provided a notice to its directors and executive officers informing them of a blackout period for The Williams Investment Plus Plan (the "401(k) plan") and the trading restrictions that apply to them during the blackout period. This notice was required pursuant to Section 306 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the Securities and Exchange Commission's Regulation BTR which prohibits trading in Company securities by directors and executive officers during blackout periods.

The blackout period is required to facilitate the elimination of the WMB Common Stock Fund as an investment option under the 401(k) plan. The blackout period will begin on November 29, 2010 and is expected to end during the week of December 12, 2010.

A copy of the notice to directors and executive officers is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this current report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

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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.

*October 1, 2010*

By: */s/ La Fleur C. Browne*

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*Name: La Fleur C. Browne*

*Title: Assistant General Counsel and Corporate Secretary*

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| <b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b> | <b><u>Description</u></b>   |
|---------------------------|---|
| 99.1                      | Notice to Directors and Executive Officers dated October 1, 2010. |