

WILLIAMS COMPANIES INC

Form 8-K

August 05, 2004

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**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): August 5, 2004

**The Williams Companies, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| <u>Delaware</u> | <u>1-4174</u> | <u>73-0569878</u> |
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(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)

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

Exhibit 99.1 Copy of press release dated August 5, 2004, publicly reporting the matters discussed herein, furnished pursuant to Item 9.

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On August 5, 2004, The Williams Companies, Inc. ( Williams ) announced that is commencing a cash tender offer for any and all of its 8 5/8 percent Senior Notes due 2010. The aggregate principal amount outstanding is \$800 million.

A copy of the press release announcing the same is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Williams has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE WILLIAMS COMPANIES, INC.

Date: August 5, 2004

/s/ Brian K. Shore  
Name: Brian K. Shore  
Title: Corporate Secretary

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