

WILLIAMS COMPANIES INC
 Form 4
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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 *
BENDER JAMES J

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)
02/25/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Sr. Vice President & GC

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

TULSAO, 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Deferred Stock	\$ 19.29	02/25/2005	A	12,023					02/25/2008	02/25/2008	Common Stock	12,023
Deferred Stock ⁽¹⁾	\$ 19.29	02/25/2005	A	24,971					03/15/2008	03/15/2008	Common Stock	24,971
Employee Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.29	02/25/2005	A	13,334					02/25/2006	02/25/2015	Common Stock	13,334
Employee Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.29	02/25/2005	A	13,333					02/25/2007	02/25/2015	Common Stock	13,333
Employee Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.29	02/25/2005	S	13,333					02/25/2008	02/25/2015	Common Stock	13,333

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BENDER JAMES J
ONE WILLIAMS CENTER
TULSAO, OK 74172

Sr. Vice President & GC

Signatures

Cher S. Lawrence, Attorney-in-Fact for James J. Bender

03/01/2005

__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).

Vesting subject to reporting person's continued employment with the Company and compensation committee certification that the

(1) Company has met performance measures over a three year period. The committee will establish the specific performance measures in the first 90 days of each year.

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