

BENDER JAMES J
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FORM 4

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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)
02/26/2010

____ 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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	02/26/2010		M	11,442 A \$ 21.54	53,300	D	
Common Stock	02/26/2010		F	3,758 D \$ 21.54	49,542	D	
Common Stock					2,800	I	By Child ⁽²⁾

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0	02/26/2010		M	11,442	02/26/2010	02/26/2010	Common Stock	11,442
Common Stock ⁽³⁾	\$ 0	02/26/2010		J	22,883	02/26/2010	02/26/2010	Common Stock	22,883

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BENDER JAMES J ONE WILLIAMS CENTER TULSA, OK 74172			Sr. Vice President & GC	

Signatures

Cher S. Lawrence, Attorney-in-Fact for Mr. James J. Bender 03/02/2010

**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 shares held in a custodial account for reporting person's child titled James J. Bender, as custodian for Victoria G. Bender.
- (3) The performance-based Restricted Stock Units grant was cancelled since vesting was subject to the applicable grant agreement and compensation committee certification that the Company met the three year performance measure. The specific performance measure was based on a improvement in the Company's Economic Value Added over the three year period and such measure was not met.

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