

Rainey Craig L
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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 *
 Rainey Craig L

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)
 ONE WILLIAMS CENTER
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/27/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP & General Counsel

TULSA, OK 74172
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
				(A) or (D)	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
Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	\$ 29.11	02/27/2012	A	24,203					02/27/2015	02/27/2015	Common Stock	24,203
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 29.11	02/27/2012	A	16,833					02/27/2015	02/27/2015	Common Stock	16,833
Employee Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.11	02/27/2012	A	18,629					02/27/2013	02/27/2022	Common Stock	18,629
Employee Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.11	02/27/2012	A	18,629					02/27/2014	02/27/2022	Common Stock	18,629
Employee Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.11	02/27/2012	A	18,630					02/27/2015	02/27/2022	Common Stock	18,630

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Rainey Craig L ONE WILLIAMS CENTER TULSA, OK 74172			SVP & General Counsel	

Signatures

Cher S. Lawrence, Attorney-in-Fact for Mr. Craig L. Rainey 02/29/2012

**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 is subject to applicable grant agreement and compensation committee certification that the Company has met the three year (1) performance measure. The specific performance measure will be based on total shareholder return with absolute and relative dependent measures.

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