

WILLIAMS COMPANIES INC  
Form 8-K  
November 19, 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):

November 17, 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:

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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 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On November 17, 2010, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of The Williams Companies, Inc. ("Company") increased the size of the Board to thirteen and elected Ms. Laura A. Sugg to the Company's Board of Directors to serve until the next Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The Board also appointed Ms. Sugg to serve on the Compensation Committee and the Finance Committee.

Ms. Sugg, 50, retired from ConocoPhillips in February 2007 as President, Australasia Division. She has more than 25 years of energy experience in areas including exploration and production and midstream gathering and processing.

There are no arrangements or understandings between Ms. Sugg and any other person pursuant to which she was selected as a director of the Company.

Ms. Sugg has no prior relationships or other transactions with the Company or its management.

A copy of the press release publicly announcing Ms. Sugg's election is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

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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.

*November 19, 2010*

By: *La Fleur C. Browne*

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*Name: La Fleur C. Browne*  
*Title: Corporate Secretary*

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| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>  |
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| 99.1               | Copy of press release dated November 17, publicly reporting the election of Ms. Laura A. Sugg to the Company's Board as discussed herein. |