

WILLIAMS COMPANIES INC  
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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 \*  
**HOWELL WILLIAM R**

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)  
**03/07/2008**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

**42113 N. 105TH STREET**

(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

**SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85262**

(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 Price			
Common Stock	03/07/2008		M	52	A \$ 29.435	46,370	D	
Common Stock	03/07/2008		M	1,400	A \$ 29.435	47,770	D	
Common Stock	03/07/2008		M	1,400	A \$ 31.558	49,170	D	
Common Stock	03/07/2008		M	52	A \$ 31.558	49,222	D	
Common Stock	03/07/2008		M	100	A \$ 27.5416	49,322	D	

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Common Stock	03/07/2008	M	200	A	\$ 27.5416	49,522	D
Common Stock	03/07/2008	M	1,153	A	\$ 27.5416	50,675	D
Common Stock	03/07/2008	S	52	D	\$ 35.07	50,623	D
Common Stock	03/07/2008	S	1,400	D	\$ 35.0864	49,223	D
Common Stock	03/07/2008	S	1,400	D	\$ 35.11	47,823	D
Common Stock	03/07/2008	S	52	D	\$ 35.11	47,771	D
Common Stock	03/07/2008	S	100	D	\$ 35.09	47,671	D
Common Stock	03/07/2008	S	200	D	\$ 35.09	47,471	D
Common Stock	03/07/2008	S	1,153	D	\$ 35.09	46,318	D

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.435	03/07/2008		M	52	03/19/1998 03/19/2008	Common Stock	52
	\$ 29.435	03/07/2008		M	1,400	03/19/1998 03/19/2008		1,400

Stock Option (right to buy)	Price	Grant Date	Exercise Date	Expiration Date	Common Stock	Quantity	Price
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 31.558	03/07/2008	M	03/23/1999 07/25/2008	Common Stock	1,400	\$
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 31.558	03/07/2008	M	03/23/1999 07/25/2008	Common Stock	52	\$
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.5416	03/07/2008	M	03/23/1999 11/19/2008	Common Stock	100	2
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.5416	03/07/2008	M	03/23/1999 11/19/2008	Common Stock	200	2
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.5416	03/07/2008	M	03/23/1999 11/19/2008	Common Stock	1,153	2

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HOWELL WILLIAM R 42113 N. 105TH STREET SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85262	X			

## Signatures

Cher S. Lawrence, Attorney-in-Fact for W. R. Howell  
03/11/2008

\*\*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).

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