

ARMSTRONG ALAN S  
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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 \*  
ARMSTRONG ALAN S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
WILLIAMS COMPANIES INC  
[WMB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President & CEO

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
ONE WILLIAMS CENTER  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/23/2013

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	02/23/2013		M	69,031 A \$ 0	124,796	D	
Common Stock	02/23/2013		F	28,211 D \$ 33.57	96,585	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	02/23/2013		M	36,672 A \$ 0	133,257	D	
Common Stock	02/23/2013		F	17,310 D \$ 33.57	115,947	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
					V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 0	02/23/2013		A		32,359		02/23/2013	02/23/2013	Common Stock	32,359
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0	02/23/2013		M		69,031		02/23/2013	02/23/2013	Common Stock	69,031
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0	02/23/2013		M		36,672		02/23/2013	02/23/2013	Common Stock	36,672
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	02/25/2013		A		35,374		02/25/2016	02/25/2016	Common Stock	35,374
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 0	02/25/2013		A		88,469		02/25/2016	02/25/2016	Common Stock	88,469
Employee Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 0	02/25/2013		A		49,181		02/25/2014	02/25/2023	Common Stock	49,181
Employee Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 0	02/25/2013		A		49,182		02/25/2015	02/25/2023	Common Stock	49,182
Employee Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 0	02/25/2013		A		49,182		02/25/2016	02/25/2023	Common Stock	49,182

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ARMSTRONG ALAN S ONE WILLIAMS CENTER TULSA, OK 74172	X			President & CEO

## Signatures

Cher S. Lawrence, Attorney-in-Fact for Mr. Alan S. Armstrong	02/26/2013
**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 16-3(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 restricted stock units acquired pursuant to the 2010 performance-based RSU grant agreement resulting from the performance of defined relative and absolute Total Shareholder Return ("TSR") metrics, as certified by the compensation committee.  
Vesting is subject to applicable grant agreement and compensation committee certification that the Company has met the three year
  - (3) performance measure. The specific performance measure will be based on total shareholder return with absolute and relative dependent measures.

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