

ARMSTRONG ALAN S  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
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)

(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)  
President & CEO

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

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

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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)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|------|---|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Restricted Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 29.11                     | 02/27/2012       | A          | 84,518  |      |   |     |     | 02/27/2015       | 02/27/2015      | Common Stock | 84,518                     |
| Restricted Stock Units                | \$ 29.11                     | 02/27/2012       | A          | 34,352  |      |   |     |     | 02/27/2015       | 02/27/2015      | Common Stock | 34,352                     |
| Employee Options (Right to Buy)       | \$ 29.11                     | 02/27/2012       | A          | 53,227  |      |   |     |     | 02/27/2013       | 02/27/2022      | Common Stock | 53,227                     |
| Employee Options (Right to Buy)       | \$ 29.11                     | 02/27/2012       | A          | 53,227  |      |   |     |     | 02/27/2014       | 02/27/2022      | Common Stock | 53,227                     |
| Employee Options (Right to Buy)       | \$ 29.11                     | 02/27/2012       | A          | 53,227  |      |   |     |     | 02/27/2015       | 02/27/2022      | Common Stock | 53,227                     |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Cher S. Lawrence, Attorney-in-Fact for Mr. Alan S. Armstrong 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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