

WILLIAMS COMPANIES INC

Form 425

January 12, 2006

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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): **January 12, 2006**
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, OK		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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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Item 8.01. Other Events.

The Williams Companies, Inc. (Williams) today announced the expiration, at 5:00 p.m. New York City time on Wednesday, January 11, 2006 (the Expiration Date), of its previously announced offer to pay a cash premium to holders of any and all of up to \$299,987,000 principal amount outstanding 5.50% Junior Subordinated Convertible Debentures due 2033 who elected to convert their debentures to shares of Williams common stock.

As of 5:00 p.m. New York City time on the Expiration Date, holders of \$213,941,900 aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Debentures (constituting 71.3% of the principal amount of the outstanding Debentures) had delivered valid tenders pursuant to the Offer.

A copy of the press release announcing the same is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) None

(b) None

(c) Exhibits:

Exhibit 99.1 Copy of press release dated January 12, 2006, publicly reporting the matters discussed herein, filed pursuant to Item 8.01.

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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.

January 12, 2006

The Williams Companies, Inc.

/s/ Brian K. Shore

Name: Brian K. Shore

Title: Secretary

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