

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)

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 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) (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 ONE WILLIAMS CENTER 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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