

WILLIAMS COMPANIES INC  
Form 8-K  
December 01, 2011

**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): December 1, 2011**

**The Williams Companies, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

**1-4174**  
(Commission

File Number)

**73-0569878**  
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

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**One Williams Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma**  
**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: 918-573-2000**

**74172**  
**(Zip Code)**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K 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)
- ..  Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- ..  Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- ..  Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On December 1, 2011, The Williams Companies, Inc. ( Williams ) issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors (the Board ) approved the spinoff of its exploration and production business, WPX Energy, Inc., through the distribution of all WPX Energy, Inc. common stock held by Williams to its stockholders. The Board also set the distribution ratio, record date and distribution date for the spinoff. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) *Exhibits.*

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release, dated December 1, 2011.

**SIGNATURE**

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.

THE WILLIAMS COMPANIES, INC.

/s/ Lorna R. Simms  
Name: Lorna R. Simms

Title: Assistant Secretary

DATED: December 1, 2011

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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