

WILLIAMS COMPANIES INC
Form 8-K
September 07, 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): September 6, 2011

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, Oklahoma

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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 - ☐ 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))
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Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

On September 6, 2011, The Williams Companies, Inc. (Williams) issued a press release announcing its intention to increase its annual dividend on its common stock by 25 percent, to \$1.00 per share. Williams indicated that the increase is effective with Williams quarterly dividend of \$0.25 per share to be paid in December 2011. Williams outlined a new dividend policy that supports continued 10 to 15 percent annual dividend growth.

In such press release, Williams also provided 2011-13 earnings and capital expenditure guidance that reflects the planned separation of its exploration and production business.

The press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information in this report (including Exhibit 99.1) is being furnished pursuant to Item 7.01, Regulation FD Disclosure. The information furnished is not deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, is not subject to the liabilities of that section and is not deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release, dated September 6, 2011

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Williams has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: September 6, 2011

THE WILLIAMS COMPANIES, INC.

By: /s/ Sarah C. Miller

Sarah C. Miller
Assistant General Counsel and Assistant
Secretary

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

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