WILLIAMS COMPANIES INC Form 8-K February 26, 2004

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): February 25, 2004

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, O	klahoma	74172
(Address of principal executive	e 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)

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- a) None
- b) None
- c) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Copy of The Williams Companies (Williams) press release dated February 25, 2004, publicly reporting the matters discussed herein, furnished pursuant to Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On February 25, 2004, Williams issued a press release publicly reporting that it has reached agreement on terms to settle with two California utilities resolving outstanding disputes, including refund liability, related to natural gas and power markets in 2000 and 2001. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

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.

THE WILLIAMS COMPANIES, INC.

Date: February 26, 2004 /s/ Brian K. Shore

Name: Brian K. Shore Title: Secretary

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