WILLIAMS COMPANIES INC

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading BENDER JAMES J Issuer Symbol WILLIAMS COMPANIES INC (Check all applicable) [WMB] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) ONE WILLIAMS CENTER 12/12/2008 Sr. Vice President & GC (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **TULSA, OK 74172** Person

(City)	(State)	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)	Code (Instr. 8)	omr Dispos (Instr. 3,	(A) or	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/12/2008		Code V S	Amount 10,000	(D)	Price \$ 14.5941	22,111	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2008		S	1,311	D	\$ 14.9811	20,800	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2008		S	800	D	\$ 14.83	20,000	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Tit	le and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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	Derivative				Securities	3		(Instr	. 3 and 4)		Own
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					4, and 5)						
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						Date	Expiration		or		
						Exercisable	Date	Title			
									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BENDER JAMES J ONE WILLIAMS CENTER TULSA, OK 74172

Sr. Vice President & GC

Signatures

Cher S. Lawrence, Attorney-in-Fact for Mr. James J. Bender

12/16/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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