

WILLIAMS COMPANIES INC

Form 8-K

August 19, 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): August 18, 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, 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)

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

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

Exhibit 99.1 Copy of
press
release
dated
August 18,
2004,
publicly
reporting
the matters
discussed
herein,
furnished
pursuant to
Item 9.

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On August 18, 2004, The Williams Companies, Inc. (Williams) announced that approximately \$789 million aggregate principal amount of notes have been validly tendered in connection with its cash tender offer and consent solicitation with respect to any and all of its 8 5/8 percent Senior Notes due 2010.

Williams also announced that it is extending the deadline for tendering and receiving the total consideration, including the consent payment, each as described in the Offer to Purchase and Consent Solicitation Statement dated August 5, 2004, if such notes are accepted for purchase from 5 p.m. Eastern on Wednesday, August 18, 2004, to 5 p.m. Eastern on Thursday, September 2, 2004 the expiration time.

A copy of the press release announcing the same is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein.

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: August 19, 2004

/s/ Brian K. Shore
Name: Brian K. Shore
Title: Secretary

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

**EXHIBIT
NUMBER**

DESCRIPTION

99.1	Copy of press release dated August 18, 2004, publicly reporting the matters discussed herein, furnished pursuant to Item 9.
------	---