BENDER JAMES J

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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 02/06/2006 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

(State)

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(City)

(City)	(State)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			Beneficially Fo Owned (D Following Inc Reported (In	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock (1)	02/06/2006		M	11,667	A	\$ 23.43	58,667	D	
Common Stock (1)	02/06/2006		F	3,993	D	\$ 23.43	54,674	D	

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1. Title Derivati Security (Instr. 3	ive Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of actionDerivative Securities 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Deferr Stock	\$ 23 <u>4</u> 3	02/06/2006		M		11,667	02/06/2006	02/06/2006	Common Stock	11,667

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 James J.
Bender
02/08/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Payout of a Deferred Stock Award in transaction excempt under Rules 16b-3(d) and 16b-6(b) of 11,667 shares of common stock awarded under The Williams Companies, Inc. 2002 Incentive Plan of which 3,993 shares were withheld for taxes.
- (**2**) 1-for-1

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