

Cleveland Joseph R
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Cleveland Joseph R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 WILLIAMS COMPANIES INC
 [WMB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/17/2012

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

9615 WINDY RIDGE RD

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

WINDERMERE, FL 34786

(City) (State) (Zip)

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)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Underlying Securities
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Instr. 3)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 5)	(Instr. 6)	(Instr. 7)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 9)	(Instr. 10)
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	\$ 29.79	05/17/2012	A		4,700		(2)	(2)	Common stock	4,700		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Cleveland Joseph R 9615 WINDY RIDGE RD WINDERMERE, FL 34786		X		

Signatures

Cher S. Lawrence, Attorney-in-Fact for Mr. Joseph R.
Cleveland

05/18/2012

__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) Granted pursuant to The Williams Companies, Inc. 2007 Incentive Plan, as amended, in transactions exempt under Rule 16b-3(d) as annual compensation for non-management directors.
- (2) Restricted stock units payable on May 17, 2013 or upon death or other termination of service as a non-management director of the Company.
- (3) 1-for-1

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