

WILLIAMS COMPANIES INC  
Form 8-K  
April 18, 2017

**UNITED STATES**  
**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): April 13, 2017**

**THE WILLIAMS COMPANIES, INC.**  
**(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)**

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| <b>Delaware</b><br><b>(State or Other Jurisdiction of</b> | <b>1-4174</b><br><b>(Commission</b> | <b>73-0569878</b><br><b>(I.R.S. Employer</b> |
| <b>Incorporation or Organization)</b>                     | <b>File Number)</b>                 | <b>Identification No.)</b>                   |
| <b>One Williams Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma</b>               |                                     | <b>74172</b>                                 |

(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)

**WILLIAMS PARTNERS L.P.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| <b>Delaware</b><br>(State or Other Jurisdiction<br>of Incorporation) | <b>1-34831</b><br>(Commission<br>File Number) | <b>20-2485124</b><br>(I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |
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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))  
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR 240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

**Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On April 13, 2017, Williams Partners L.P. (the Partnership), Williams Field Services Group, LLC, an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of the Partnership (Williams FSG), Williams Olefins, L.L.C., a wholly owned subsidiary of Williams FSG (the Company), NOVA Chemicals Inc. (Nova), and NOVA Chemicals Corporation (Nova Parent) entered into a Membership Interest Purchase Agreement (the Purchase Agreement) pursuant to which Williams FSG agreed to sell, and Nova agreed to buy, 100% of the issued and outstanding membership interests of the Company (the Interests). The Partnership has guaranteed the obligations of Williams FSG under the Purchase Agreement, and Nova Parent has guaranteed the obligations of Nova under the Purchase Agreement and other related agreements entered into in connection with the Purchase Agreement. The purchase price for the Interests is \$2.1 billion, subject to a working capital adjustment.

The Purchase Agreement includes customary (1) representations and warranties of the parties, (2) covenants, including without limitation covenants with respect to actions taken prior to the closing, cooperation with respect to regulatory issues, and access to information, and (3) indemnities. The Purchase Agreement is also subject to customary closing conditions, including the expiration or termination of the applicable waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976 and approval by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States. The Purchase Agreement contains certain termination rights for the parties, including if the closing of the transactions contemplated thereby does not occur by December 22, 2017 or, under certain conditions, if there has been a breach of certain representations and warranties or a failure to perform any covenant by the other party. Closing is anticipated to occur in the summer of 2017.

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On April 17, 2017, The Williams Companies, Inc. and the Partnership issued a press release announcing the entry into the Purchase Agreement. A copy of this press release is furnished and attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information furnished is not deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, is not subject to the liabilities of that section and is not deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

**Exhibit**

| No.  | Description                        |
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| 99.1 | Press release dated April 17, 2017 |

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE WILLIAMS COMPANIES, INC.

By: /s/ Joshua H. De Rienzi  
Joshua H. De Rienzi  
Vice President and Corporate Secretary

WILLIAMS PARTNERS L.P.

By: WPZ GP LLC,  
its General Partner

By: /s/ Joshua H. De Rienzi  
Joshua H. De Rienzi  
Vice President and Secretary

DATED: April 18, 2017

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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