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December 19, 2001

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report: December 19, 2001
(Date of earliest event reported)

The Williams Companies, Inc.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

1-4174
(Commission File Number)

73-0569878
(IRS Employer Identification No)

One Williams Center Tulsa, Oklahoma 74172
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(918) 573-2000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Item 5. Other Events

The Williams Companies, Inc. ("Williams") announced today that it plans to take several steps to strengthen its balance sheet to further solidify its investment-grade credit rating. Senior executives of Williams will discuss the plan at a conference at 8:30 a.m. EST today. Live audio access and replay are available at www.williams.com.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

Williams files the following exhibit as part of this report:

Exhibit 99.1 Williams' press release dated December 19, 2001,

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publicly announcing the matters discussed 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.

December 19, 2001

The Williams Companies, Inc.

By: /s/ Suzanne H. Costin

Suzanne H. Costin
Corporate Secretary

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number -----	Description -----
Exhibit 99.1	Williams' press release dated December 19, 2001, publicly announcing the matters discussed herein.