



UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

October 1, 2010

Mr. Steven J. Malcolm  
Chief Executive Officer  
The Williams Companies, Inc.  
One Williams Center  
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74172

**Re: The Williams Companies, Inc.  
Annual Report on Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2009  
Filed February 26, 2010  
Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A  
Filed April 8, 2010  
Current Report on Form 8-K  
Filed February 18, 2010  
File No. 001-04174**

Dear Mr. Malcolm:

We have completed our review of your filings and do not have any further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

H. Christopher Owings  
Assistant Director