



DIVISION OF  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549-3561

Mail Stop 3561

June 25, 2009

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

**Re: The Williams Companies, Inc.  
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008  
Filed February 25, 2009  
Form 10-Q for Period Ended March 31, 2009  
Filed April 30, 2009  
File No. 0-8814**

Dear Mr. Malcolm:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and related filings and have no further comments at this time on the specific issues raised.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Thompson  
Accounting Branch Chief