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The following are social media communications by The Williams Companies, Inc. ( Williams ) that discuss the proposed merger of Williams Partners L.P. ( WPZ ) and a wholly owned subsidiary of Williams.

#### ***Social Media Communications by Williams***

The following communication was posted on May 17, 2018 by The Williams Companies, Inc. on Twitter:

**Tweet:** Williams announced \$10.5 billion deal to acquire all public equity of Williams Partners. Important info: <https://goo.gl/A6Udis> \$WMB \$WPZ

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#### ***Important Information***

*This communication includes information about an agreement for the acquisition by The Williams Companies, Inc. of all publicly held common units of Williams Partners L.P. Williams and WPZ security holders are urged to read the joint proxy/consent solicitation statement/prospectus regarding the proposed transaction when it becomes available because it will contain important information. Investors will be able to obtain a free copy of the joint proxy/consent solicitation statement/prospectus, as well as other filings containing information about the proposed transaction, without charge, at the Securities and Exchange Commission's (the SEC) internet site (<http://www.sec.gov>). Copies of the joint proxy/consent solicitation statement/prospectus and the filings with the SEC that will be incorporated by reference in the joint proxy/consent solicitation statement/prospectus can also be obtained, without charge, by directing a request either to The Williams Companies, Inc., One Williams Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74172, Attention: Investor Relations or to Williams Partners L.P., One Williams Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74172, Attention: Investor*

*Relations.*

*The respective directors and executive officers of Williams and WPZ may be deemed to be participants (as defined in Schedule 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) in respect of the proposed transaction. Information about Williams' directors and executive officers is available in Williams' annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, filed with the SEC on February 22, 2018. Information about WPZ's directors and executive officers is available in WPZ's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 filed with the SEC on February 22, 2018. Other information regarding the participants in the solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be contained in the joint proxy/consent solicitation statement/prospectus and other relevant materials to be filed with the SEC when they become available.*

*This communication shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offering of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended.*

## **Forward Looking Statements**

The reports, filings, and other public announcements of Williams and WPZ may contain or incorporate by reference statements that do not directly or exclusively relate to historical facts. Such statements are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. We make these forward-looking statements in reliance on the safe harbor protections provided under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. You typically can identify forward-looking statements by various forms of words such as anticipates, believes, seeks, could, may, should, continues, estimates, expects, forecasts, intends, might, goals, objectives, targets, planned, potentially scheduled, will, assumes, guidance, outlook, in-service date or other similar expressions. These forward-looking statements are based on management's beliefs and assumptions and on information currently available to management and include, among others, statements regarding:

The closing, expected timing, and benefits of the proposed merger of WPZ and SCMS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Williams (the Proposed Merger);

Expected levels of cash distributions by WPZ with respect to limited partner interests;

The levels of dividends to Williams stockholders;

Our expected financial results following the Proposed Merger;

Future credit ratings of Williams, WPZ and their affiliates;

Amounts and nature of future capital expenditures;

Expansion and growth of our business and operations;

Expected in-service dates for capital projects;

Financial condition and liquidity;

Business strategy;

Cash flow from operations or results of operations;

Seasonality of certain business components;

Natural gas and natural gas liquids prices, supply, and demand; and

Demand for our services.

Forward-looking statements are based on numerous assumptions, uncertainties and risks that could cause future events or results to be materially different from those stated or implied in this presentation. Many of the factors that will determine these results are beyond our ability to control or predict. Specific factors that could cause actual results to differ from results contemplated by the forward-looking statements include, among others, the following:

Satisfaction of the conditions to the completion of the Proposed Merger, including approval by Williams stockholders;

Whether WPZ will produce sufficient cash flows to provide the level of cash distributions we expect;

Whether Williams is able to pay current and expected levels of dividends;

Availability of supplies, market demand, and volatility of prices;

Inflation, interest rates, and fluctuation in foreign exchange rates and general economic conditions (including future disruptions and volatility in the global credit markets and the impact of these events on customers and suppliers);

The strength and financial resources of our competitors and the effects of competition;

Whether we are able to successfully identify, evaluate and execute investment opportunities;

Our ability to acquire new businesses and assets and successfully integrate those operations and assets into our existing businesses as well as successfully expand our facilities;

Development of alternative energy sources;

The impact of operational and developmental hazards and unforeseen interruptions;

The impact of existing and future laws (including, but not limited to, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017), regulations (including, but not limited to, the FERC's Revised Policy Statement on Treatment of Income Taxes in Docket No. PL17-1-000), the regulatory environment, environmental liabilities, and litigation, as well as our ability to obtain necessary permits and approvals, and achieve favorable rate proceeding outcomes;

Our costs and funding obligations for defined benefit pension plans and other postretirement benefit plans;

Changes in maintenance and construction costs;

Changes in the current geopolitical situation;

Our exposure to the credit risk of our customers and counterparties;

Risks related to financing, including restrictions stemming from debt agreements, future changes in credit ratings as determined by nationally-recognized credit rating agencies and the availability and cost of capital;

The amount of cash distributions from and capital requirements of our investments and joint ventures in which we participate;

Risks associated with weather and natural phenomena, including climate conditions;

Acts of terrorism, including cybersecurity threats and related disruptions;

Our ability to close the announced roll-up transaction with WPZ; and

Additional risks described in our filings with the SEC.

Given the uncertainties and risk factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement, we caution investors not to unduly rely on our forward-looking statements. We disclaim any obligations to and do not intend to update the above list or announce publicly the result of any revisions to any of the forward-looking statements to reflect future events or developments.

In addition to causing our actual results to differ, the factors listed above may cause our intentions to change from those statements of intention set forth in this presentation. Such changes in our intentions may also cause our results to differ. We may change our intentions, at any time and without notice, based upon changes in such factors, our assumptions, or otherwise.

Investors are urged to closely consider the disclosures and risk factors in Williams' and WPZ's annual reports on Form 10-K each filed with the SEC on February 22, 2018, and each of our respective quarterly reports on Form 10-Q available from our offices or websites at [www.williams.com](http://www.williams.com) and [investor.williams.com](http://investor.williams.com).