

NISOURCE INC/DE  
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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
FORM U-9C-3**

**QUARTERLY REPORT**

**For the quarter ended June 30, 2005**

Filed Pursuant to Rule 58 of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935

This report is being submitted as a combined filing for NiSource Inc. and Columbia Energy Group.

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**NiSource Inc./Columbia Energy Group**

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| <b>Name of Company<br/>(Organization Chart<br/>Hierarchy)<br/>(Inactive companies denoted<br/>with (*))<br/>(Reporting companies denoted<br/>with (**))</b> | <b>Energy or</b>   |                     | <b>Percentage<br/>of Voting<br/>Securities</b> |             |                                     |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|--|-------------|-------------------------------------|
|   | <b>Gas-related</b> | <b>Date of</b>      | <b>State of</b>                                | <b>Held</b> | <b>Nature of Business</b>           |
|   | <b>Company</b>     | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Organization</b>                            |             |                                     |
| NiSource Inc.   | N/A                | N/A                 | N/A  | N/A         | N/A                                 |
| Columbia Energy Group   | N/A                | N/A                 | N/A  | N/A         | N/A                                 |
| Columbia Atlantic Trading Corporation (**)  | Gas-related        | 03/19/74            | Delaware                                       | 100%        | Gas-related ventures                |
| Columbia Deep Water Services Company (**)   | Gas-related        | 01/07/98            | Delaware                                       | 100%        | Gas pipeline development            |
| Columbia Energy Services Corporation (**)   | Energy-related     | 06/06/60            | Kentucky                                       | 100%        | Energy-related services             |
| NewPower Holdings (**)  | Energy-related     | 06/29/00            | Delaware                                       | 1.0%        | Gas Marketing                       |
| Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (**)  | Gas-related        | 03/03/69            | Delaware                                       | 100%        | Interstate gas pipeline             |
| Columbia Gulf Transmission Company (**)   | Gas-related        | 05/28/58            | Delaware                                       | 100%        | Interstate gas pipeline             |
| Energy USA, Inc.  | N/A                | N/A                 | N/A  | N/A         | N/A                                 |
| EnergyUSA-TPC Corp. (**)  | Energy-related     | 08/10/00            | Delaware                                       | 100%        | Gas marketing                       |
| NI Energy Services Transportation, Inc. (**)  | Gas-related        | 06/18/98            | Indiana  | 100%        | Gas pipeline                        |
| NI-TEX, Inc.  | N/A                | N/A                 | N/A  | N/A         | N/A                                 |
| Laredo Nueces Pipeline Company (*) (**)   | Gas-related        | 9/19/1998           | Texas<br>New                                   | 50%         | Gas pipeline                        |
| Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc. (**)   | Gas-related        | 10/24/55            | Hampshire                                      | 100%        | Interstate gas pipeline             |
| NI Energy Services, Inc.  | N/A                | N/A                 | N/A  | N/A         | N/A                                 |
| Crossroads Pipeline Company (**)  | Gas-related        | 04/05/93            | Indiana  | 100%        | Interstate gas pipeline             |
| NESI Power Marketing, Inc. (*) (**)   | Energy-related     | 07/18/96            | Indiana  | 100%        | Power Marketing                     |
| NiSource Energy Technologies, Inc.  | N/A                | N/A                 | N/A  | N/A         | N/A                                 |
| Acumentrics Corporation (**)  | Energy-related     | 08/18/94            | Massachusetts                                  | 3.1%        | Developer of solid oxide fuel cells |
| NiSource Retail Service, Inc. (**)  | Energy-related     | 11/12/03            | Delaware                                       | 100%        | Energy-related services             |
| Northern Indiana Fuel and Light Company, Inc.   | N/A                | N/A                 | N/A  | N/A         | N/A                                 |
| Northern Indiana Trading Company, Inc. (**)   | Energy-related     | 02/10/88            | Indiana  | 100%        | Gas marketing                       |



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**ITEM 2. ISSUANCES AND RENEWALS OF SECURITIES AND CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

**Securities:**

| Company Issuing Security | Type of Security Issued | Principal Amount of Security | Issue or Renewal | Cost of Capital | Person to Whom Security was Issued | Collateral Given with Security | Consideration Received for Each Security |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|

None

**Capital Contributions:**

| Company Contributing Capital | Company Receiving Capital | Amount of Capital Contribution |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|

None

**ITEM 3. ASSOCIATE TRANSACTIONS (in thousands)**

**Part I. Transactions performed by reporting companies on behalf of associate companies**

| Rendering Services                 | Receiving Services                   | Rendered                | Charged | Charges | Capital | Billed |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| Columbia Gulf Transmission Company | Columbia Deep Water Services Company | Operation & Maintenance | \$      | 11      |         | \$ 11  |

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| Associate Company<br>Rendering Services  | Reporting Company<br>Receiving Services     | Types of Services<br>Rendered | Direct<br>Costs<br>Charged | Indirect<br>Costs<br>Charges | Cost<br>of<br>Capital | Total<br>Amount<br>Billed |
|--|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| NiSource Corporate<br>Services Company   | Columbia Atlantic<br>Trading Corporation    | Administrative                | \$ 5                       |                              |                       | \$ 5                      |
| Columbia Gulf<br>Transmission<br>Company | Columbia Deep<br>Water<br>Services Company  | Operation &<br>Maintenance    | \$ 11                      |                              |                       | \$ 11                     |
| NiSource Corporate<br>Services Company   | Columbia Deep<br>Water<br>Services Company  | Administrative                | \$ 10                      |                              |                       | \$ 10                     |
| NiSource Corporate<br>Services Company   | Columbia Energy<br>Services<br>Corporation  | Administrative                | \$ 111                     |                              |                       | \$ 111                    |
| NiSource Corporate<br>Services Company   | Columbia Gas<br>Transmission<br>Corporation | Administrative                | \$ 12,686                  |                              |                       | \$ 12,686                 |

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|  |              |              |        |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------|
| Total consolidated capitalization as of June 30, 2005  | \$ 9,783,324 |              | Line 1 |
| Total capitalization multiplied by 15% (line 1 multiplied by 0.15)   | \$ 1,467,499 |              | Line 2 |
| Greater of \$50 million or line 2  |              | \$ 1,467,499 | Line 3 |
| Total current aggregate investment:<br>(categorized by major line of energy-related business)  |              |              |        |
| Energy-related services  | \$ 10        |              |        |
| Total current aggregate investment   |              | \$ 10        | Line 4 |
| Difference between the greater of \$50 million or 15% of capitalization and the total aggregate investment of the registered holding company system (line 3 less line 4) |              | \$ 1,467,489 | Line 5 |

**Investments in gas-related companies:**

|   |    |    |  |
|---|----|----|--|
| Total current aggregate investment:<br>(categorized by major line of energy-related business) |    |    |  |
| Energy-related business   | \$ |    |  |
| Total current aggregate investment  |    | \$ |  |

**ITEM 5. OTHER INVESTMENTS (in thousands)**

| Major Line of Energy-Related Business *  | Other Investment in last U-9C-3 Report (in thousands)   | Other Investment in this U-9C-3 Report (in thousands) | Reason for difference in Other Investment |
|--|---|---|---|
| * For Columbia Energy Group, the scope of the reporting of other investments includes investments, including gas-related guarantees, made before February 14, 1997, in pre-existing subsidiaries that could have been acquired pursuant to Rule 58 (b) (2). For NiSource Inc. the scope of the reporting of other investments includes investments made prior to 11-1-00 (date on which NiSource Inc. became a registered holding company) in pre-existing subsidiaries that could have been acquired pursuant to Rule 58 (b) (2). |   |   |   |
| a.   | In the second quarter of 2005, Columbia Atlantic Trading Corporation's guarantee for \$50,000 thousands expired and long-term debt increased \$4,000 thousands due to an intercompany issuance. Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation's long-term debt was reduced by \$6 thousand due to payments on capital leases. |   |   |
| b.   | In the second quarter of 2005, guaranties for EnergyUSA-TPC Corp. increased \$6,250 thousands due to an increase in activity and Northern Indiana Trading Company's guaranties decreased \$8,000 thousands due to decreased activity.   |   |   |



- c. In the second quarter of 2005, Columbia Energy Services Corporation guarantees decreased \$6,191 thousand which decrease over time as performance occurs.

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**ITEM 6. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

List all financial statements and exhibits filed as a part of this report.  
Confidential treatment requested.

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**EXHIBITS**

1. Copies of contracts required to be provided by Item 3 shall be filed as exhibits.

NOT APPLICABLE

2. Certificate stating that a copy of the reports for the previous quarter has been filed with interested state commissions shall be filed as an exhibit. The certificate shall provide the names and addresses of the state commissions.

EXHIBIT A

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

NiSource Inc

(Registrant)

Date: August 12, 2005

By: /s/ Jeffrey W. Grossman

Jeffrey W. Grossman  
Vice President  
(Principal Accounting  
Officer  
and Duly Authorized  
Officer)

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**EXHIBIT A**

**CERTIFICATE**

NiSource's Quarterly Report on Form U-9C-3 filed pursuant to Rule 58 for the quarter ended March 31, 2005 was filed with each state commission having jurisdiction over the retail rates of the public utility companies that are associate companies of any of the reporting companies.

The names and addresses of each such state utility commission is:

Commonwealth of Kentucky Public Service Commission

211 Sower Blvd

Frankfort, KY 40601

Public Service Commission of Maryland

6 St. Paul Centre

Baltimore, MD 21202

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

180 East Broad Street

Columbus, OH 43215

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

901 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street Rear

Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

Virginia State Corporation Commission

1300 East Main Street

Richmond, VA 23219

Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

302 West Washington Street, Room E 306

Indianapolis, IN 46204

Maine Public Utilities Commission

242 State Street

Augusta, ME 04333

Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications & Energy

One South Station

Boston, MA 02110

New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission

8 Old Suncook Road

Concord, NH 03301