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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM U-9C-3  
QUARTERLY REPORT**

**For the quarter ended March 31, 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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<b>Name of Company</b>	<b>Energy or Gas-related Company</b>	<b>Date of Organization</b>	<b>State of Organization</b>	<b>Percentage of Voting Securities Held</b>	<b>Nature of Business</b>
<b>(Organization Chart Hierarchy)</b> <b>(Inactive companies denoted with (*)</b> <b>(Reporting companies denoted with (**))</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	09/19/98	Texas	50%	Gas pipeline
Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc. (**)	Gas-related	10/24/55	New 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

**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
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None

**Capital Contributions:**

Company Contributing Capital	Company Receiving Capital	Amount of Capital Contribution
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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 Transmissioin Company	Columbia Deep Water Services Company	Operating & Maintenance	\$11	-	-	\$11

ITEM 3. ASSOCIATE TRANSACTION (continued)(in thousands)**Part II. Transactions performed by associate companies on behalf of reporting companies**

Associate Company Rendering Services	Reporting Company Receiving Services	Types of Services Rendered	Direct Costs Charged	Indirect Costs Charges	Cost of Capital	Total Amount Billed
NiSource Corporate Services Company	Columbia Atlantic Trading Corporation	Administrative	\$ 1	-	-	\$ 1
Columbia Gulf Transmission Company	Columbia Deep Water Services Company	Operation & Maintenance	\$ 11	-	-	\$ 11
NiSource Corporate Services Company	Columbia Deep Water Services Company	Administrative	\$ 8	-	-	\$ 8
NiSource Corporate Services Company	Columbia Energy Services Corporation	Administrative	\$ 77	-	-	\$ 77
NiSource Corporate Services Company	Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation	Administrative	\$ 10,078	-	-	\$ 10,078
NiSource Corporate Services Company	Columbia Gulf Transmission Company	Administrative	\$ 2,783	-	-	\$ 2,783
NiSource Corporate Services Company	EnergyUSA-TPC Corp.	Administrative	\$ 346	-	-	\$ 346
NiSource Corporate Services Company	Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc.	Administrative	\$ 70	-	-	\$ 70
NiSource Corporate Services Company	Crossroads Pipeline Company	Administrative	\$ 77	-	-	\$ 77
NiSource Corporate Services Company	NiSource Retail Services, Inc.	Administrative	\$ 251	-	-	\$ 251

ITEM 4. SUMMARY OF AGGREGATE INVESTMENT (in thousands)**Investments in energy-related companies:**

Total consolidated capitalization as of March 31, 2005	\$ 9,833,826	Line 1
Total capitalization multiplied by 15% (line 1 multiplied by 0.15)	\$ 1,475,074	Line 2
Greater of \$50 million or line 2	\$ 1,475,074	Line 3
Total current aggregate investment: (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)		
	\$ 1,475,064	Line 5

**Investments in gas-related companies:**

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

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
Gas Pipeline and Pipeline Development	\$ 2,084,676	\$ 2,084,670	a
Other Gas-Related Business			
Gas and Power Marketing	\$ 473,328	\$ 447,578	b
Other Energy-Related Business	\$ 468,215	\$ 461,273	c

\* 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 first quarter of 2005, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation's long-term debt was reduced by \$6 thousand due to payments on capital leases.

- b. In the first quarter of 2005, guaranties for EnergyUSA-TPC Corp. decreased \$25,750 thousands due to a decrease in activity.
- c. In the first quarter of 2005, Columbia Energy Services Corporation guarantees decreased \$6,942 thousand which decrease over time as performance occurs.

ITEM 6. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

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

Confidential treatment requested.

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

**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: May 13, 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 December 31, 2004 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