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

FORM U-9C-3

QUARTERLY REPORT

FOR THE QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

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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ITEM 1. ORGANIZATION CHART

NAME OF COMPANY (ORGANIZATION CHART HIERARCHY) (INACTIVE COMPANIES DENOTED WITH (**)) (REPORTING COMPANIES DENOTED WITH (**))	ENERGY OR GAS-RELATED COMPANY	DATE OF ORGANIZATION	STATE OF ORGANIZATION	PERCENTAGE OF VOTING SECURITIES HELD
NiSource Inc.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Columbia Energy Group	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Columbia Atlantic Trading Corporation (**)	Gas-related	03/19/74	Delaware	100%
Columbia Deep Water Services Company (**)	Gas-related	01/07/98	Delaware	100%
Columbia Energy Services Corporation (**)	Energy-related	06/06/60	Kentucky	100%
NewPower Holdings (**)	Energy-related	06/29/00	Delaware	1.0%
Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (**)	Gas-related	03/03/69	Delaware	100%
Columbia Gulf Transmission Company (**)	Gas-related	05/28/58	Delaware	100%
Energy USA, Inc.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
EnergyUSA-TPC Corporation (**)	Energy-related	08/10/00	Delaware	100%
NI Energy Services Transportation, Inc. (**)	Gas-related	06/18/98	Indiana	100%
NI-TEX, Inc.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Laredo Nueces Pipeline Company (*) (**)	Gas-related	09/19/98	Texas	50%
Granite State Gas Transmission (**)	Gas-related	10/24/55	New Hampshire	100%
NI Energy Services, Inc.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Crossroads Pipeline Company (**)	Gas-related	04/05/93	Indiana	100%
NESI Power Marketing, Inc. (*) (**)	Energy-related	07/18/96	Indiana	100%
NiSource Energy Technologies, Inc.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SunPower Corporation (**)	Energy-related	04/24/85	California	14.7%
Acumentrics Corporation (**)	Energy-related	08/18/94	Massachusetts	3.1%
NiSource Retail Service, Inc. (**)	Energy-related	11/12/03	Delaware	100%
Northern Indiana Fuel and Light Company, Inc.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

ITEM 2. ISSUANCES AND RENEWALS OF SECURITIES AND CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS

SECURITIES:

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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 Sec
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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

Reporting Company Rendering Services	Associate Company Receiving Services	Types of Services Rendered	Direct Costs Charged	Indirect Cost Charges
Columbia Gulf Transmission	Columbia Deep Water	Operation & Maintenance	\$11	-

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ITEM 3. ASSOCIATE TRANSACTIONS (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 Cost Charges
NiSource Corporate Services Company	Columbia Atlantic Trading	Administrative	\$ 1	-
Columbia Gulf		Operation &		

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Transmission	Columbia Deep Water	Maintenance	\$	11	-
NiSource Corporate Services Company	Columbia Deep Water	Administrative	\$	5	-
NiSource Corporate Services Company	Columbia Energy Services	Administrative	\$	99	-
NiSource Corporate Services Company	Columbia Gas Transmission	Administrative	\$	10,860	-
NiSource Corporate Services Company	Columbia Gulf Transmission	Administrative	\$	2,525	-
NiSource Corporate Services Company	EnergyUSA-TPC	Administrative	\$	228	-
NiSource Corporate Services Company	Granite State Gas	Administrative	\$	108	-
NiSource Corporate Services Company	Crossroads Pipeline	Administrative	\$	81	-
NiSource Corporate Services Company	NiSource Retail Service Company	Administrative	\$	114	-

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ITEM 4. SUMMARY OF AGGREGATE INVESTMENT (in thousands)

INVESTMENTS IN ENERGY-RELATED COMPANIES:

Total consolidated capitalization as of September 30, 2004	\$10,173,
Total capitalization multiplied by 15% (line 1 multiplied by 0.15)	\$ 1,526,
Greater of \$50 million or line 2	
Total current aggregate investment: (categorized by major line of energy-related business)	
Energy-related services	\$
Total current aggregate investment	-----
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)	

INVESTMENTS IN GAS-RELATED COMPANIES:

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

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### 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)
Gas Pipeline and Pipeline Development	\$2,211,177	\$2,216,547
Other Gas-Related Business	-	-
Gas and Power Marketing	\$ 473,141	\$ 449,503
Other Energy-Related Business	\$ 504,042	\$ 473,903

\* For Columbia, 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 became a registered holding company) in pre-existing subsidiaries that could have been acquired pursuant to Rule 58(b)(2).

- a. In the third quarter of 2004, Columbia Gas Transmission, Columbia Gulf Transmission, NI Energy Services Transportation, Columbia Deep Water and Granite State Gas received equity contributions via a tax savings allocation totaling \$5,376 thousand and Columbia Gas Transmissions debt decreased \$6 thousand due to amortization of capital leases.
- b. In the third quarter of 2004, guaranties for EnergyUSA-TPC decreased \$23,650 thousands due to a decrease in activity and Northern Indiana Trading received an equity contribution via a tax savings allocation of \$12 thousand.
- c. In the third quarter of 2004, Columbia Energy Services guaranties of \$30,139 thousand expired.

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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

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(Registrant)

Date: November 15, 2004

By: /s/ Jeffrey W. Grossman

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

EXHIBIT A

CERTIFICATE

NiSource's Quarterly Report on Form U-9C-3 filed pursuant to Rule 58 for the quarter ended June 30, 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:

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 7th 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