

NISOURCE INC/DE
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SKAGGS ROBERT C JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)
801 E 86TH AVENUE
(Street)

MERRILLVILLE, IN 46410-6272

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NISOURCE INC/DE [NI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/22/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | | | | | 74,185 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/22/2005 | | J(1) | V | 205.3503 | A | \$ 0 |
| | | | | | 8,461.2809 | I | 401(k) Plan |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | 03/22/2005 | | A | 1,068.458 | 08/08/1988 ⁽²⁾ 08/08/1988 ⁽²⁾ | Common Stock |
| Non Qualified Stock Options | \$ 19.84 | | | | | 01/01/2003 01/01/2013 | Common Stock |
| Non Qualified Stock Options | \$ 21.005 | | | | | 01/25/2002 01/25/2012 | Common Stock |
| Non Qualified Stock Options | \$ 21.86 | | | | | 01/01/2005 01/01/2014 | Common Stock |
| Non Qualified Stock Options | \$ 22.62 | | | | | 01/03/2006 01/03/2015 | Common Stock |
| Non Qualified Stock Options | \$ 25.94 | | | | | 01/01/2001 01/01/2011 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SKAGGS ROBERT C JR 801 E 86TH AVENUE MERRILLVILLE, IN 46410-6272 | | | President | |

Signatures

Gary W. Pottorff, Power of Attorney
03/24/2005
**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Includes shares acquired through the NiSource Inc. 401(k) Plan. Transaction is exempt pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities and Exchange Act.
- (2) Phantom Stock is payable in cash upon termination of employment

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