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Securities and Exchange Commission Judiciary Plaza 450 Fifth Street, NW Washington, DC 20549

INTERIM REPORT UNDER RULE 24 OF THE
PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING COMPANY ACT OF 1935
NISOURCE INC.
801 E. 86TH AVE.
MERRILLVILLE, IN 46410

FILE NO. 70-9681 AND 70-9945

#### Gentlemen:

In compliance with the terms and conditions of Rule 24 under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, and (i) the Orders of the Commission dated November 1, 2000 and March 21, 2001 in File No. 70-9681, and (ii) the Orders of the Commission dated December 19, 2001, June 6, 2002 and August 8, 2002 in File No. 70-9945, authorizing the financing transactions and business activities as more fully described in the Joint Applications/Declarations, as amended, in those proceedings, the undersigned hereby certifies to the Commission that, during the quarter ended June 30, 2003:

- The sales of any common stock and the purchase price per share and the market price per share at the date of the agreement of sale None
- 2. The total number of shares of common stock issued or issuable under options granted during the quarter under NiSource Inc.'s benefit plans or otherwise  $106,500~{\rm shares}$
- 3. If common stock has been transferred to a seller of securities of a company being acquired, the number of shares so issued, the value per share and whether the shares are restricted to the acquirer

  None
- 4. The amount and terms of any long-term debt, preferred stock or other preferred or equity-linked securities, or short-term debt, issued directly or indirectly by NiSource during the quarter Please see Exhibit 1
- 5. The amount and terms of any short-term debt issued directly or indirectly by any utility subsidiary during the quarter Please see Exhibit 2
- 6. The amount and terms of any financing consummated by any non-utility subsidiary during the quarter that are not exempt under rule 52
- 7. The name of the guarantor and of the beneficiary of any NiSource guarantee or non-utility subsidiary guarantee issued during the quarter, and the amount, terms and purpose of the guarantee Please see Exhibit 3

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8. The notional amount and principal terms of any interest rate hedge or anticipatory hedge entered into during the quarter and the identity of the parties to such instruments

On July 22, 2003, NiSource entered into fixed-to-variable interest rate swap agreements in a notional amount of \$500.0 million with four counterparties with an 11-year term. NiSource will receive payments based upon a fixed 5.40% interest rate and pay a floating interest amount based on U.S. 6-month LIBOR-BBA plus an average of 0.78% per annum.

- The name, parent company, and amount invested in any new intermediate subsidiary or financing subsidiary during the quarter None
- 10. A list of Form U-6B-2 statements filed with the commission during the quarter, including the name of the filing entity and the date of the filing
- 11. Consolidated balance sheets as of the end of the quarter, and separate balance sheets as of the end of the quarter for each company, including NiSource, that has engaged in financing transactions during the quarter Please see the attached Exhibits 4 through 14 for balance sheets for NiSource, Northern Indiana Public Service Company, Bay State Gas Company, Northern Utilities, Kokomo Gas and Fuel, Northern Indiana Fuel and Light, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Columbia Gas of Ohio, Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania Columbia Gas of Virginia and Columbia Gas of Maryland.
- 12. The maximum outstanding amount of all borrowings under or investments in the Money Pool by each Money Pool participant during the quarter, and the rate or range of rates charged on Money Pool investments during the quarter Please see Exhibit 15
- 13. The number of shares of common stock issued by Columbia Maryland to Columbia during the quarter and the price per share paid None
- 14. The principal amount, interest rate and maturity of any long-term debt security issued by Columbia Maryland to Columbia during the quarter None

Very truly yours,

NiSource Inc.

By: /s/ Jeffrey W. Grossman

Jeffrey W. Grossman Vice President

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EXHIBIT #1

NISOURCE INC.
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COMPANY	AMOUNT ISSUED DURING THIRD QUARTER OF 2003	AMOUNT OUTSTANDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2003	TYPE OF DEBT OR SECURITY	
NiSource Finance Corp	-	42,900,000	Short-term Debt	Com wit rat
NiSource Finance Corp	500,000,000	5,513,300,000	Long-term Debt	Var ave

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EXHIBIT #2

# NISOURCE INC. QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER RULE 24 OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING COMPANY ACT OF 1935 FILE NO. 70-9681 ITEM #5

LENDING COMPANY	BORROWING SUBSIDIARY	INTER-COMPANY DEBT ISSUED DURING THE 3RD QUARTER 2003	WEIGHT INTER
NiSource Finance Corp. NiSource Finance Corp. NiSource Finance Corp.	Northern Indiana Public Service Company Bay State Gas Company Northern Utilities, Inc.	51,580,000 51,747,000 9,820,000	1 1

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EXHIBIT #3

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		GUARANTEES ISSUED DURING	
GUARANTOR	SUBSIDIARY	3RD QUARTER 2003	PURPOSE
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NiSource/NiSource Capital Markets	EnergyUSA - TPC	70 <b>,</b> 000	Guarantee energy tra

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EXHIBIT #4

## NISOURCE INC. QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER RULE 24 OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING COMPANY ACT OF 1935 FILE NO. 70-9681 ITEM #11

As of September 30, (in thousands)	 2003
ASSETS	
PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT:	
Utility plant	\$ 16,445,104
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	 (8,121,369)
Net Utility Plant	 8,323,735
Other property, at cost, less accumulated depreciation	407,978
Net Property, Plant and Equipment	8,731,713
INVESTMENTS:	 
Assets of discontinued operations and assets held for sale	338,155
Unconsolidated affiliates	118,862
Other investments	 70 <b>,</b> 662 
Total Investments	527 <b>,</b> 679
CURRENT ASSETS:	 
Cash and cash equivalents	29,871
Restricted cash	41,136
Accounts receivable - less reserve	370 <b>,</b> 679
Unbilled revenue - less reserve Gas inventory	126,470 560,437
Underrecovered gas and fuel costs	154,721
Material and supplies, at average cost	68,904
Electric production fuel, at average cost	32,406
Price risk management asset	60,198
Exchange gas receivable	210,372
Regulatory assets	98 <b>,</b> 279
Prepayments and other	122,673
Total Current Assets	 1,876,146
OTHER ASSETS:	 
Price risk asset long term	135,239
Regulatory assets	574,542
Goodwill	3,692,178
Intangible assets	35,689
Deferred charges and other	 130,908 
Total Other Assets	 4,568,556
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 15 <b>,</b> 704 <b>,</b> 094

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#### EXHIBIT #4

# NISOURCE INC. QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER RULE 24 OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING COMPANY ACT OF 1935 FILE NO. 70-9681 ITEM #11

As of September 30, (in thousands)	 2003
CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES	
CAPITALIZATION:	
Common Stock Equity	\$ 4,253,666
Preferred Stocks -	
Subsidiary Companies	04 444
Series without mandatory redemption provisions	81,114
Long-term debt, excluding amounts due within one year	 5,513,305 
Total Capitalization	 9,848,085
CURRENT LIABILITIES:	
Current portion of long-term debt	874,422
Short-term borrowings	442,900
Accounts payable	397,523
Dividends declared on common and preferred stocks	61,953
Customer deposits	73,345
Taxes accrued Interest accrued	295,533 183,386
Overrecovered gas and fuel costs	6,402
Price risk management liabilities	58,479
Exchange gas payable	279,246
Current deferred revenue	18,918
Regulatory liabilities	18,035
Accrued liability for postretirement and pension benefits	57,844
Other accruals	336,814
Total current liabilities	 3,104,800
OTHER:	 
Price risk management liabilities	563
Deferred income taxes	1,596,666
Deferred investment tax credits	89 <b>,</b> 590
Deferred credits	70,308
Non-current deferred revenue	121,318
Accrued liability for postretirement and pension benefits	351,083
Preferred stock liabilities with mandatory redemption provisions Liabilities of discontinued operations and liabilities held for sale	2,997 219,571
Regulatory liabilities	92,414
Other noncurrent liabilities	206,699
Total other	 2,751,209

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TOTAL CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES \$ 15,704,094

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EXHIBIT #5

NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
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As of September 30, (in thousands)	 2003
ASSETS PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT: Utility plant	\$ 6,567,878
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	 (3,704,595) 
Net Utility Plant	2,863,283
OTHER PROPERTY AND INVESTMENTS	 2,376
CURRENT ASSETS:	
Cash and cash equivalents	6,980
Restricted cash	3,135
Accounts receivable - less reserve	37,907
Unbilled revenue - less reserve	63,968
Gas cost adjustment clause	819
Material and supplies, at average cost	46,278
Electric production fuel, at average cost	32,406
Natural gas in storage, at last in, first-out cost	137,467
Price risk management assets	1,482
Regulatory assets	13,507
Prepayments and other	 57 <b>,</b> 354
Total Current Assets	401,303
OTHER ASSETS:	
Regulatory assets	214,154
Intangible assets	20,772
Prepayments and other	2,881
Total Other Assets	 237,807
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 3,504,769

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EXHIBIT #6

BAY STATE GAS COMPANY
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ASSETS PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT: Utility plant Accumulated depreciation and amortization
Net Utility Plant
OTHER PROPERTY AND INVESTMENTS
INVESTMENTS: Unconsolidated affiliates
Total Investments
CURRENT ASSETS:  Cash and cash equivalents Restricted cash Accounts receivable - less reserve Unbilled revenue - less reserve Gas Inventory Underrecovered gas and fuel costs Material and supplies, at average cost Price risk management asset Exchange gas receivable Regulatory assets Prepayments and other
Total Current Assets
OTHER ASSETS: Price risk management asset Regulatory assets Goodwill Intangible assets Deferred charges and other
Total Other Assets
TOTAL ASSETS

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EXHIBIT #6

BAY STATE GAS COMPANY
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As of September 30, (in thousands)	
CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES	
CAPITALIZATION:	
Common shareholder's equity	
Long-term debt excluding amt due within one year	
Total Capitalization	
CURRENT LIABILITIES:	
Current portion of long-term debt	
Short-term borrowings	
Accounts payable	
Customer deposits	
Taxes accrued	
Interest accrued	
Price risk management liabilities	
Regulatory liabilities Other accruals	
Total current liabilities	
OTHER:	
Deferred income taxes	
Deferred investment tax credits	
Accrued liability for postretirement and pension benefits	
Regulatory liabilities	
Other noncurrent liabilities	
Total other	
TOTAL CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES	
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	EXHIBIT #7
NORTHERN UTILITIES, INC.	
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As of September 30, (in thousands)

ASSETS
PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT:
 Utility plant
 Accumulated depreciation and amortization

Net Utility Plant

OTHER PROPERTY AND INVESTMENTS

INVESTMENTS:	
Unconsolidated affiliates	
Total Investments	
CURRENT ASSETS:	
Cash and cash equivalents	
Restricted cash	
Accounts receivable - less reser	eve
Unbilled revenue - less reserve	
Gas inventory	
Underrecovered gas and fuel cost	S
Material and supplies, at averag	ge cost
Price risk management asset	
Exchange gas receivable	
Regulatory assets	
Prepayments and other	
Total Current Assets	
OTHER ASSETS:	
Price risk management asset	
Regulatory assets	
Goodwill	
Intangible assets	
Deferred charges and other	
Total Other Assets	
TOTAL ASSETS	

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EXHIBIT #7

NORTHERN UTILITIES, INC. QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER RULE 24 OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING COMPANY ACT OF 1935 FILE NO. 70-9681

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Short-term borrowings

As of September 30, (in thousands) CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES CAPITALIZATION: Common shareholder's equity Long-term debt excluding amt due within one year Total Capitalization CURRENT LIABILITIES: Current portion of long-term debt

Accounts payable Customer deposits Taxes accrued Interest accrued Price risk management liabilities Regulatory liabilities Other accruals

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Total current liabilities

OTHER:

Deferred income taxes Deferred investment tax credits Accrued liability for postretirement and pension benefits Regulatory liabilities

Other noncurrent liabilities

Total other

TOTAL CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES

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EXHIBIT #8

KOKOMO GAS AND FUEL COMPANY QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER RULE 24 OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING COMPANY ACT OF 1935 FILE NO. 70-9681

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**ASSETS** 

PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT:

Utility plant

Accumulated depreciation and amortization

Net Utility Plant

INVESTMENTS:

Unconsolidated affiliates

Total Investments

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CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash and cash equivalents

Accounts receivable - less reserve

Unbilled revenue - less reserve

Gas Inventory

Underrecovered gas and fuel costs

Material and supplies, at average cost

Prepayments and other

Total Current Assets	
OTHER ASSETS:  Intangible assets  Deferred charges and other	
Total Other Assets	
TOTAL ASSETS	==
CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES CAPITALIZATION: Common shareholder's equity	
Total Capitalization	
CURRENT LIABILITIES: Accounts payable Customer deposits Taxes accrued Interest accrued Other accruals	
Total current liabilities	
OTHER:  Deferred income taxes Deferred investment tax credits Deferred credits Accrued liability for postretirement and pension benefits Regulatory liabilities Other noncurrent liabilities Total other	
TOTAL CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES	
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EXHIBIT #9

NORTHERN INDIANA FUEL AND LIGHT COMPANY QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER RULE 24 OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING COMPANY ACT OF 1935 FILE NO. 70-9681

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As of September 30, (in thousands)

ASSETS

PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT:

Utility plant

Accumulated depreciation and amortization

Net Utility Plant	
OTHER PROPERTY AND INVESTMENTS	
CURRENT ASSETS:	
Cash and cash equivalents	
Accounts receivable - less reserve	
Unbilled revenue - less reserve	
Gas inventory	
Underrecovered gas and fuel costs	
Material and supplies, at average cost	
Prepayments and other	
Total Current Assets	
OTHER ASSETS:	
Regulatory assets	
Intangible assets	
Deferred charges and other	
Total Other Assets	
TOTAL ASSETS	
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CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES	
CAPITALIZATION:	
Common shareholder's equity	
Total Capitalization	
CURRENT LIABILITIES:	
Accounts payable	
Customer deposits	
Taxes accrued	
Interest accrued	
Other accruals	
Total current liabilities	
OTHER:	
Deferred income taxes	
Deferred investment tax credits	
Deferred credits	
Accrued liability for postretirement and pension benefits	
Regulatory liabilities	
Other noncurrent liabilities	
Total other	
TOTAL CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES	
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COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY
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ASSETS PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT: Utility plant Accumulated depreciation and amortization
Net Utility Plant
CURRENT ASSETS:  Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable - less reserve Unbilled revenue - less reserve Gas inventory Underrecovered gas and fuel costs Exchange gas receivable Regulatory assets Prepayments and other
Total Current Assets
OTHER ASSETS:  Regulatory assets  Intangible assets  Deferred charges and other
Total Other Assets
TOTAL ASSETS

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EXHIBIT #10

COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY
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As of September 30, (in thousands)

CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES CAPITALIZATION:

Common shareholder's equity Long-term debt excluding amt due within one year Total Capitalization \_\_\_\_\_\_ CURRENT LIABILITIES: Current portion of long-term debt Short-term borrowings Accounts payable Customer deposits Taxes accrued Interest accrued Price risk management liabilities Exchange gas payable Regulatory liabilities Accrued liability for postretirement and pension benefits Other accruals Total current liabilities OTHER: Deferred income taxes Deferred investment tax credits Accrued liability for postretirement and pension benefits Regulatory liabilities Other noncurrent liabilities \_\_\_\_\_\_

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COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO
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As of September 30, (in thousands)

ASSETS
PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT:
Utility plant
Accumulated depreciation and amortization

Net Utility Plant

OTHER PROPERTY AND INVESTMENTS

CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash and cash equivalents

Total other

TOTAL CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES

Accounts receivable - less reserve Unbilled revenue - less reserve Gas inventory Underrecovered gas and fuel costs Exchange gas receivable Regulatory assets Prepayments and other

Total Current Assets

OTHER ASSETS:

Regulatory assets Intangible assets

Deferred charges and other

Total Other Assets

TOTAL ASSETS

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CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES CAPITALIZATION:

Common shareholder's equity

Long-term debt excluding amt due within one year

Total Capitalization

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Current portion of long-term debt

Short-term borrowings

Accounts payable

Customer deposits

Taxes accrued

Interest accrued

Price risk management liabilities

Exchange gas payable

Regulatory liabilities

Accrued liability for postretirement and pension benefits

Other accruals

Total current liabilities

Deferred income taxes

Deferred investment tax credits Accrued liability for postretirement and pension benefits Regulatory liabilities Other noncurrent liabilities

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Total other

TOTAL CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES

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EXHIBIT #12

COLUMBIA GAS OF PENNSYLVANIA QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER RULE 24 OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING COMPANY ACT OF 1935 FILE NO. 70-9681

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**ASSETS** 

PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT:

Utility plant

Accumulated depreciation and amortization

Net Utility Plant

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CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash and cash equivalents

Accounts receivable - less reserve

Unbilled revenue - less reserve

Gas inventory

Underrecovered gas and fuel costs

Exchange gas receivable

Regulatory assets

Prepayments and other

Total Current Assets

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OTHER ASSETS:

Regulatory assets

Intangible assets

Deferred charges and other

Total Other Assets

TOTAL ASSETS

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CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES

CAPITALIZATION:

Common shareholder's equity

Long-term debt excluding amt due within one year Total Capitalization CURRENT LIABILITIES: Short-term borrowings Accounts payable Customer deposits Price risk management liabilities Exchange gas payable Regulatory liabilities Accrued liability for postretirement and pension benefits Other accruals Total current liabilities OTHER: Deferred income taxes Deferred investment tax credits Accrued liability for postretirement and pension benefits Regulatory liabilities Other noncurrent liabilities Total other

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EXHIBIT #13

COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA
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TOTAL CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES

ASSETS

PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT:

Utility plant

Accumulated depreciation and amortization

Net Utility Plant

Net Utility Plant

#### CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash and cash equivalents
Accounts receivable - less reserve
Unbilled revenue - less reserve
Gas inventory
Underrecovered gas and fuel costs
Material and supplies, at average cost
Exchange gas receivable

Regulatory assets Prepayments and other Total Current Assets \_\_\_\_\_\_ OTHER ASSETS: Regulatory assets Intangible assets Deferred charges and other Total Other Assets TOTAL ASSETS \_\_\_\_\_\_ CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES CAPITALIZATION: Common shareholder's equity Long-term debt excluding amt due within one year Total Capitalization CURRENT LIABILITIES: Short-term borrowings Accounts payable Customer deposits Interest accrued Exchange gas payable Regulatory liabilities Accrued liability for postretirement and pension benefits Other accruals Total current liabilities \_\_\_\_\_\_ OTHER: Deferred income taxes Deferred investment tax credits Accrued liability for postretirement and pension benefits Regulatory liabilities Other noncurrent liabilities Total other

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EXHIBIT #14

COLUMBIA GAS OF MARYLAND QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER RULE 24 OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING COMPANY ACT OF 1935 FILE NO. 70-9681

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TOTAL CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES

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#### EXHIBIT #15

## NISOURCE INC. QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER RULE 24 OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING COMPANY ACT OF 1935 FILE NO.70-9945

#### ITEM #12

SUBSIDIARY (AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)	MAXIMUM AMOUNT OUTSTANDING DURING THIRD QUARTER OF 2003	MAXIMUM AMOUNT INVESTED DURING THIRD QUARTER OF 2003
Alamco-Haug Hauling	N/A	990
Bay State Gas Company	180,360	0
Columbia Assurance Agency, Inc.	N/A	32
Columbia Accounts Receivable Corporation	N/A	9,641
Columbia Atlantic Trading Corporation	N/A	3 <b>,</b> 576
CNR Canada, Ltd.	5 <b>,</b> 389	0
Columbia Energy Group Capital Corporation	N/A	0
Columbia Deep Water Services Company	549	0
Columbia Electric Corporation	N/A	3,826
Columbia Energy Resources, Inc.	N/A	4,286
Columbia Energy Services Corporation	30,749	0
Columbia Finance Corporation	N/A	0
Columbia Energy Group	N/A	861,355
Columbia Gulf Transmission Company	24,442	0
Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc.	22,909	2,615
Columbia Insurance Corporation, Ltd.	N/A	51
Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.	11,128	15,207
Columbia LNG Corporation	N/A	0
Columbia Gas of Maryland, Inc.	0	20,004
CNS Microwave, Inc.	N/A	1,745
Columbia Natural Resources, Inc.	78 <b>,</b> 651	0
Columbia Network Services Corporation	N/A	3,191
Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.	162,958	102,490
Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.	48,173	28,945
Columbia Propane Corporation	19,484	0
CP Holdings, Inc.	N/A	119
Columbia Pipeline Corporation	N/A	0
Columbia Energy Power Marketing Corporation	0	0
Columbia Remainder Corporation	0	0
Crossroads Pipeline	30,696	0
NiSource Corporate Services Company	82 <b>,</b> 988	0
Columbia Service Partners, Inc.	N/A	8,661
Columbia Transmission Communications Corporation	N/A	1,411
NiSource Development Company, Inc.	179,208	0
EnergyUSA, Inc.	49,974	0
EnergyUSA, Inc. (MA)	0	2,700
Kokomo Gas and Fuel Company	0	3 <b>,</b> 958
NiSource Capital Markets. Inc.	N/A	1,365
NI Energy Services, Inc.	48,891	0

NiSource Finance Corp. N/A 1,162,292	
NiSource Inc. N/A 108,448	
Northern Indiana Fuel and Light Company, Inc. 0 12,985	
Northern Indiana Public Service Company 589,578 0	
Granite State Gas Transmission 7,188	
Northern Utilities, Inc. 9,820 8,613	
Columbia Petroleum Corporation N/A 0	
Columbia Propane, L.P. N/A 1,661	
Primary Energy, Inc. 169,868	
Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation 183,175	
EnergyUSA-TPC Corp. 45,384	