NISOURCE INC/DE Form U-13-60 April 30, 2004

> Form U-13-60 Mutual and Subsidiary Service Companies Revised February 7, 1980

> > ANNUAL REPORT

For the Period

Beginning January 1, 2003 and Ending December 31, 2003

To The

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

OF

NISOURCE CORPORATE SERVICES COMPANY, INC.

(Exact Name of Report Company)

A Subsidiary Service Company ("Mutual" or "Subsidiary")

Date of Incorporation December 31, 1932

State or Sovereign Power Under which Incorporated or Organized - Delaware

Location of Principal Executive Offices of Reporting Company:

801 East 86th Avenue, Merrillville, IN

VINCENT DEVITO, CONTROLLER 200 Civic Center Drive Columbus, OH 43215

(Name, title and address of officer to whom correspondence concerning this report should be addressed)

NISOURCE, INC/COLUMBIA ENERGY GROUP

(Name of Principal Holding Company whose Subsidiaries are served by Reporting Company)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE OF FORM U-13-60

1. Time of Filing - Rule 94 provides that on or before the first day of May in each calendar year, each mutual service company and each subsidiary service company as to which the Commission shall have made a favorable finding pursuant to Rule 88, and every service company whose application for approval or declaration pursuant to Rule 88 is pending shall file with the Commission an annual report on Form U-13-60 and in accordance with the instructions for that form.

- 2. Number of Copies Each annual report shall be filed in duplicate. The company should prepare and retain at least one extra copy for itself in case correspondence with reference to the report become necessary.
- 3. Period Covered by Report The first report filed by any company shall cover the period from the date the Uniform System of Accounts was required to be made effective as to that company under Rules 82 and 93 to the end of that calendar year. Subsequent reports should cover a calendar year.
- 4. Report Format Reports shall be submitted on the forms prepared by the Commission. If the space provided on any sheet of such form is inadequate, additional sheets may be inserted on the same size as a sheet of the form or folded to such size.
- 5. Money Amounts Displayed All money amounts required to be shown in financial statements may be expressed in whole dollars, in thousands of dollars or in hundred thousands of dollars, as appropriate and subject to provisions of Regulation S-X (Section 210.3-01[b]).
- 6. Deficits Displayed Deficits and other like entries shall be indicated by the use of either brackets or a parenthesis with corresponding reference in footnotes. (Regulation S-X, Section 210.3-01[C]).
- 7. Major Amendments or Corrections Any company desiring to amend or correct a major omission or error in a report after it has been filed with the Commission shall submit an amended report including only those pages, schedules, and entries that are to be amended or corrected. A cover letter shall be submitted requesting the Commission to incorporate the amended report changes and shall be signed by a duly authorized officer of the company.
- 8. Definitions Definitions contained in Instruction 01-8 to the Uniform System of Accounts for Mutual Service Companies and Subsidiary Service Companies, Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended February 2, 1979, shall be applicable to words or terms used specifically within this Form U-13-60.
- 9. Organization Chart The service company shall submit with each annual report a copy of its current organization chart.
- 10. Methods of Allocation The service company shall submit with each annual report a listing of the currently effective methods of allocation being used by the service company and on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935.
- 11. Annual Statement of Compensation for Use of Capital Billed The service company shall submit with each annual report a copy of the annual statement supplied to each associate company in support of the amount of compensation for use of capital billed during the calendar year.

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SCHEDULE I - COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

Give balance sheet of the Company as of December 31 of the

current and prior year

ACCOUNT	ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	AS OF DECE
		CURRENT
		\$000
	SERVICE COMPANY PROPERTY	
101	Service company property (Schedule II)	71,844
107	Construction work in progress (Schedule II)	
	Total Property	71,844
108	Less accumulated provision for depreciation and amortization of service company property (Schedule III)	31,312
	W. L. G. L. L. G. D. D. L.	40 520
	Net Service Company Property	40,532
	INVESTMENTS	
123 124	Investments in associate companies (Schedule IV) Other investments (Schedule IV)	
	Total Investments	
	CURRENT AND ACCRUED ASSETS	
131	Cash	1,460
134	Special deposits	171 755
135	Working funds	755
136	Temporary cash investments (Schedule IV)	
141	Notes receivable	
143	Accounts receivable	5 , 372
144	Accumulated provision for uncollectible accounts	
146	Accounts receivable from associate companies	
	(Schedule V)	43,024
152	Fuel stock expenses undistributed (Schedule VI)	
154	Materials and supplies	
163	Stores expense undistributed (Schedule VII)	
165	Prepayments	1,178
174	Miscellaneous current and accrued assets	1,387
	(Schedule VIII)	
	Total Current and Accrued Assets	53 , 347
	DEFERRED DEBITS	
181	Unamortized debt expense	
184	Clearing accounts	1,172
186	Miscellaneous deferred debits (Schedule IX)	45 , 126
188	Research, development, or demonstration expenditures (Schedule X)	
190	Accumulated deferred income taxes	30,458

76,756	Total Deferred Debits
170,635	TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS
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SCHEDULE I - COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

ACCOUNT	LIABILITIES AND PROPRIETARY CAPITAL
	PROPRIETARY CAPITAL
201	Common stock issued (Schedule XI)
211 215	Miscellaneous paid-in-capital (Schedule XI)
215	Appropriated retained earnings (Schedule XI) Unappropriated retained earnings (Schedule XI)
219	Other Comprehensive Income
219	Other Comprehensive income
	Total Proprietary Capital
	LONG-TERM DEBT
223	Advances from associate companies (Schedule XII)
224	Other long-term debt (Schedule XII)
225	Unamortized premium on long-term debt
226	Unamortized discount on long-term debt
	Total Long-Term Debt
	CURRENT AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES
231	Notes payable
232	Accounts payable
233	Notes payable to associate companies (Schedule XIII)
234	Accounts payable to associate companies (Schedule XIII)
236	Taxes accrued
237	Interest accrued
238	Dividends declared
241	Tax collections payable
242	Miscellaneous current and accrued liabilities (Schedule XIII)
	Total Current and Accrued Liabilities
	DEFERRED CREDITS
253	Other deferred credits
255	Accumulated deferred investment tax credits
	Total Deferred Credits
282	ACCUMULATED DEFERRED INCOME TAXES
	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND PROPRIETARY CAPITAL

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SCHEDULE II - SERVICE COMPANY PROPERTY

	DESCRIPTION	BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	ADDITIONS	RETIREMENTS OR SALES
		\$000	\$000	\$000
SERVICE COMPANY	PROPERTY			
Account:				
301	ORGANIZATION			
303	MISCELLANEOUS			
	INTANGIBLE PLANT			
304	LAND AND LAND RIGHTS	62		
305	STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS	23,692	546	317
306	LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS			
307	EQUIPMENT (1)	32 , 556	3,813	4,875
308	OFFICE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT (1)	7,334	3	4,672
309	AUTOMOBILES, OTHER VEHICLES AND RELATED GARAGE EQUIPMENT	427		24
310	AIRCRAFT AND AIRPORT EQUIPMENT	13,207		
311	OTHER SERVICE COMPANY PROPERTY (3)	143	 	
	SUB-TOTAL	77,421	4,362	9 , 888
107	CONSTRUCTION WORK IN PROGRESS (4)			
	TOTAL	77,421 =====	4,362 ====	9,888 ====

(1) PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF THOSE CHANGES CONSIDERED MATERIAL:

307 - A fixed asset inventory was completed and those assets determined to be obsolete or disposed of were retired.

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SCHEDULE II - CONTINUED

(2) SUBACCOUNTS ARE REQUIRED FOR EACH CLASS OF EQUIPMENT OWNED. THE SERVICE COMPANY SHALL PROVIDE A LISTING BY SUBACCOUNT OF EQUIPMENT ADDITIONS DURING THE YEAR AND THE BALANCE AT THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR:

	SUBACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	ADDITIONS
		\$000
307-1	Telecommunications Equipment	
307-2	Communications Management Center	
307-3	Data Processing Equipment	
307-4	Print Services Equipment	
307-5	Research & Laboratory Equipment	
307-6	Telecommunications Equipment	139
307-7	EDP Equipment - 4 years	3,649
307-8	EDP Equipment - 10 years	
307-9	Personal Computer and Peripheral Equipment	25
307-10	Distribution Research Equipment	
307-11	Electrical Supply Generators	
307-14	CGT EQUIPMENT	
307-37	CPA EQUIPMENT	
307-51	TCO Equipment	
307-90	NiSource Equipment	

TOTAL

(3) DESCRIBE OTHER SERVICE COMPANY PROPERTY:

Costs incurred in the internal development of the Employee Accounting System Interface, Labor Distribution System, and Intercompany Billing software.

(4) DESCRIBE CONSTRUCTION WORK IN PROGRESS:

Not Applicable

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SCHEDULE III

ACCUMULATED PROVISION FOR DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION OF SERVICE COMPANY PROPERTY

	DESCRIPTION	BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	ADDITIONS CHARGED TO ACCOUNT 403	RETIREMENT
		\$000	\$000	\$000
ACCOUNT				
301	ORGANIZATION			
303	MISCELLANEOUS INTANGIBLE PLANT			
304	LAND AND LAND RIGHTS			
305	STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS	7 , 597	484	81
306	LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS			
307	EQUIPMENT (1)	21,960	5,811	8 , 528
308	OFFICE FURNITURE AND FIXTURES (1)	3,335	207	1,194
309	AUTOMOBILES, OTHER VEHICLES AND RELATED GARAGE EQUIPMENT	155	56	85
310	AIRCRAFT AND AIRPORT EQUIPMENT	902	506	

311 OTHER SERVICE COMPANY
PROPERTY

142 -- -----TOTAL

34,091 7,064 9,888

(1) PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF THOSE CHANGES CONSIDERED MATERIAL:

Please refer to page 7

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SCHEDULE IV - INVESTMENTS

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete the following schedule concerning investments.

Under Account 124, "Other Investments," state each investment separately, with description, including, the name of issuing company, number of shares or principal amount, etc.

Under Account 136, "Temporary Cash Investments," list each investment separately.

DESCRIPTION	BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	BAI C OF
Account 123 - Investment in Associate Companies	NONE	
Account 124 - Other Investments	NONE	
Account 136 - Temporary Cash Investments System Money Pool - Unaffiliated	NONE	
TOTAL	NONE ======	==

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SCHEDULE V - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE FROM ASSOCIATE COMPANIES

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete the following schedule listing accounts receivable

from each associate company. Where the service company has provided accommodation or convenience payments for associate

companies, a separate listing of total payments for each associate company

DESCRIPTION

ACCOUNT 146 - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE FROM ASSOCIATE COMPANIES

Bay State Massachusetts Columbia Atlantic Trading Corporation Columbia Energy Group

Columbia Energy Group
Columbia Energy Resources, Inc.

Columbia Energy Services Corporation

Columbia Finance Company

Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.

Columbia Gas of Maryland, Inc.

Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.

Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.

Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc.

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation

Columbia Gulf Transmission Company

Columbia Network Services Corporation

Columbia Pipeline Corporation

Columbia Remainder Corporation

Columbia Service Partners

Columbia Transmission Communications Corporation

Energy USA, Inc

Granite State Gas

Indianapolis Water Resources

Kokomo Gas and Fuel Company

NiSource Capital Markets

NiSource Crossroads Pipeline

NiSource Development Company, Inc

NiSource Energy Services, Inc

NiSource Energy Technology

NiSource Finance Company

NiSource Insurance Corporation, Ltd.

NiSource Pipeline Group, Inc

NiSource, Inc.

Northern Indiana Fuel and Light Company

Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Northern Utilities Maine

Northern Utilities New Hampshire

Primary Energy, Inc

TOTAL

ANALYSIS OF CONVENIENCE OR ACCOMMODATION PAYMENTS:

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See Schedule V-A, page 12

TOTAL PAYMENT

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SCHEDULE V-A

NISOURCE CORPORATE SERVICES COMPANY, INC.

Convenience & Accommodation Payments For the Year Ended December 31, 2003

Associate Company	AUDIT FEES	CORPORATE INSURANCE	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	LEASING	POSTAGE AND MAILING SERVICES
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Bay State Massachusetts	222	3,065	10,653	119	4
Columbia Accounts Receivable Columbia Atlantic Trading Corporation Columbia Capital Corporation		(3)			
Columbia Deep Water Services		(2)			
Columbia Energy Group		(3,380)	1,247	11	
Columbia Energy Resources, Inc.	359	2,718	4,825	2,145	
Columbia Energy Services Corporation		15	46		
Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.		910	2,741	705	138
Columbia Gas of Maryland, Inc.		243	1,041	150	35
Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.	602	7,463	29,586	1,997	1,381
Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.	266	4,355	11,859	1,161	412
Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc.		1,340	4,612	876	212
Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation	887	7 , 595	31,923	4,666	5
Columbia Gulf Transmission Company	148	3,847	5 , 770	496	12
Columbia Insurance Company		1			
Columbia Network Services		6	34		
Columbia Remainder Corporation		23	15		
Columbia Service Partners		25	28		2
Columbia Transmission Communications					
Corporation		31	40		
Energy USA Inc.	182	341	955		
Energy USA TPC	39	16	53		
Granite State Gas		111	85	1	
Indianapolis Water Resources		(1)	0.00		
Kokomo Gas and Fuel Company	144	166	800		
NiSource Capital Markets	6.6	1			
NiSource Crossroads Pipeline	66	27			
NiSource Development Company, Inc		170			
NiSource Energy Services, Inc.		53 14	220		
NiSource Energy Technology	102	= =	230		
NiSource Finance Company	103 888	10			2.
Nisource, Inc.		548	1 261		۷
Northern Indiana Fuel and Light Company	128 800	185	1,361	682	
Northern Indiana Public Service Company Northern Utilities Maine	800	19 , 211 254	33,031	682 22	
Northern Utilities Maine Northern Utilities New Hampshire		254 257	1 , 029 757	3	
MOTETIETH OCTITICIES NEW Hambanite		231	131	3	

Primary Energy, Inc.		1,888	318		
Grand Total	4,835	51,503	143,040	13,034	2,204
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SCHEDULE VI - FUEL STOCK EXPENSES UNDISTRIBUTED

INSTRUCTIONS:

Report the amount of labor and expenses incurred with respect to fuel stock expenses during the year and indicate amount attributable to each associate company. Under the section headed "Summary" listed below give an overall report of the fuel functions performed by the service company.

DESCRIPTION

	\$000
Account 152 - Fuel Stock Expenses Undistributed	NONE
TOTAL	NONE

SUMMARY:

Not Applicable

DESCRIPTION

TOTAL

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SCHEDULE VII - STORES EXPENSE UNDISTRIBUTED

INSTRUCTIONS: Report the amount of labor and expenses incurred with respect

to stores expense during the year and indicate amount

attributable to each associate company.

	\$000	\$00
Account 163 - Stores Expenses Undistributed	NONE	NON

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SCHEDULE VIII

MISCELLANEOUS CURRENT AND ACCRUED ASSETS

INSTRUCTIONS: Provide detail of items in this account. Items less than \$10,000 may be grouped, showing the number of items in each

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DESCRIPTION	BALANCE A BEGINNIN OF YEAR
	\$000
Account 174 - Miscellaneous Current and Accrued Assets Non-Compete Deferred Debit (Amortized over 15 Years Phantom Stock)	1,317
TOTAL	1,317

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SCHEDULE IX - MISCELLANEOUS DEFERRED DEBITS

INSTRUCTIONS:

Provide detail of items in this account. Items less than \$10,000 may be grouped by class showing the number of items in each class.

DESCRIPTION	BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	BALANCE AT CLOSE OF YEAR
	\$000	\$000
ACCOUNT 186 - MISCELLANEOUS DEFERRED DEBITS		
Other Post Retirement Employee Benefits	10,699	13,054
Deferred Insurance Receivables	1,953	1,456
Intangible Asset - Pension Restoration Plan	21,232	16,824
Miscellaneous Deferred Property	7,375	13,792
TOTAL	41,259	 45,126

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SCHEDULE X

RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT OR DEMONSTRATION EXPENDITURES

INSTRUCTIONS:

Provide description of each material research, development, or demonstration project which incurred costs by the service

corporation during the year.

	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
		\$000
		NONE
TOTAL		NONE

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SCHEDULE XI - PROPRIETARY CAPITAL

ACCOUNT NUMBER	CLASS OF STOCK	NUMBER OF SHARES AUTHORIZED	PAR OR STATED VALUE PER SHARE	 NO
201	COMMON STOCK	4,000	\$100	
INSTRUCTIONS.	Classify amounts in each acc	ount with briof ovala	nation	

INSTRUCTIONS: Classify amounts in each account with brief explanation,

disclosing the general nature of transactions which give rise

to the reported amount.

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
ACCOUNT 211 - MISCELLANEOUS PAID-IN CAPITAL ACCOUNT 215 - APPROPRIATED RETAINED EARNINGS	\$0 \$0
TOTAL	\$0

INSTRUCTIONS: Give particulars concerning net income or (loss) during the

year, distinguishing between compensation for the use of capital owed or net loss remaining from servicing nonassociates per the General Instructions of the Uniform System of Accounts. For dividends paid during the year in cash or otherwise, provide rate percentage, amount of dividend, date declared and date paid.

	DESCRIPTION	BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	NET INCOME OR (LOSS)
ACCOUNT 216 - UN	APPROPRIATED RETAINED EARNINGS	\$000	\$000
Rate/Share	Amount of Dividend	Date Declared	Date Paid
\$	\$000		
TOTAL		-	-

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Schedule XII - Long-Term Debt

INSTRUCTIONS:

Advances From Associate Companies should be reported separately for advances on notes, and advances on open account. Names of associate companies from which advances were received shall be shown under the class and series of obligation column. For Account 224 - Other Long-Term Debt provide the name of creditor company or organization, terms of the obligation, date of maturity, interest rate, and the amount authorized and outstanding.

			%	\$000	\$000	
NAME OF CREDITOR	OF OBLIGATION	MATURITY	RATE	AUTHORIZED	OF YEAR	
	CLASS & SERIES	OF	INTEREST	AMOUNT	BEGINNING	
	TERMS OF OBLIG	DATE			BALANCE AT	

ACCOUNT 223 - ADVANCES FROM ASSOCIATE COMPANIES:

Columbia Energy Group	Promissory Note	11/28/05	7.30	2,246	2,246
Columbia Energy Group	Promissory Note	11/28/07	7.55	2,246	2,246
Columbia Energy Group	Promissory Note	11/28/10	7.82	2,246	2,246
Columbia Energy Group	Promissory Note	03/01/14	7.33	12,700	12,700
Columbia Energy Group	Promissory Note	11/28/15	7.92	2,246	2,246
Columbia Energy Group	Promissory Note	11/28/25	8.12	2,246	2,246
ACCOUNT 224 - OTHER LONG-TERM DEBT:				_	-
TOTAL				23,930	23,930

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SCHEDULE XIII - CURRENT AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

INSTRUCTIONS:

Provide balance of notes and accounts payable to each associate company. Give description and amount of miscellaneous current and accrued liabilities. Items less than

\$10,000 may be grouped, showing the number of items in each

group.

DESCRIPTION ______

ACCOUNT 233 - NOTES PAYABLE TO ASSOCIATE COMPANIES

Nisource, Inc.

TOTAL

ACCOUNT 234 - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TO ASSOCIATE COMPANIES

Bay State Massachusetts Columbia Energy Group Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. Columbia Gas of Maryland, Inc.

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Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.
Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.
Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc.
Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation
Columbia Gulf Transmission Company
Energy USA, Inc
NiSource Development Company, Inc
NiSource Energy Technology
NiSource, Inc.
Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Northern Utilities Maine
Primary Energy, Inc
System Money Pool Interest
System Money Pool Principal

TOTAL

ACCOUNT 242 - MISCELLANEOUS CURRENT AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

Accrued Vacation Change in Control Comprehensive Medical Expense Plan Accrual Contingent Stock Contingent Stock Dividend Deferred Compensation Dental Assistance Plan Accrual Employee Thrift Plan Flexible Spending Group Life Insurance Incentive/Bonus Accrual Job Placement LTIP Dividend Credit Pension Restoration Plan Pension Retirement Benefits Phantom Stock Liability Post Employment Benefit Obligation Relocation Retirement Income Plan Severance Thrift Plan - Company Thrift Restoration Plan Unclaimed Funds United Way Voluntary Personal Accident Insurance Miscellaneous

TOTAL

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SCHEDULE XIII-A

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Notes Payable to Associate Companies

Account 233

			Balance at Beginning of Year	Balance at Close of Year
			\$000	\$000
Columbia Energy	Group			
6.89%	Installment Promissor	y Note	NONE	NONE
7.11%	Installment Promissor	y Note	NONE	NONE
7.30%	Installment Promissor	y Note	NONE	NONE
7.55%	Installment Promissor	y Note	NONE	NONE
7.82%	Installment Promissor	y Note	NONE	NONE
7.33%	Installment Promissor	y Note	NONE	NONE
7.92%	Installment Promissor	y Note	NONE	NONE
8.12%	Installment Promissor	y Note	NONE	NONE
Total			NONE	NONE

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SCHEDULE XIV

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INSTRUCTIONS:

The space below is provided for important notes regarding the financial statements or any account thereof. Furnish particulars as to any significant contingent assets or liabilities existing at the end of the year. Notes relating to financial statements shown elsewhere in this report may be indicated here by reference.

- 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES
 - a. Property, Plant and Equipment and Related Depreciation

Property, Plant and Equipment is stated at historical cost. Depreciation is provided on a composite straight-line basis using the average of depreciable property at the beginning and end of each year.

b. Income Taxes

The Corporation provides deferred taxes with respect to timing differences in the recognition of revenues and expenses for tax and accounting purposes. The major difference results from using accelerated depreciation for tax purposes. The Corporation is included in the Consolidated Federal Income Tax Return filed for NiSource, Inc.

c. Pension Costs

The Corporation participates in the NiSource, Inc. Pension Plan and the Retirement Income Plan of the Columbia Energy Group. These are trusteed noncontributory pension plans which, with certain exceptions, cover all regular employees. NiSource Corporate Services Company, Inc.'s portion was \$7,992,000 in 2003 and \$2,915,000 in 2002.

d. Leases

Payments made by the Corporation in connection with operating leases are charged to expense incurred. No capitalized leases existed in 2003.

e. Account Numbers

The Corporation uses certain FERC accounts which do not match existing SEC accounts; therefore, the year-end balances of the following FERC accounts were reclassified to a corresponding SEC account.

	Account	Number	
			Year-End
Account Description	FERC	SEC	Balance
			\$000
Interest Receivable	171	143	
Deferred Income Taxes	283	282	89

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SCHEDULE XIV

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

f. Post-Retirement Benefits Other Than Pensions

During 1991, the System adopted SFAS No. 106, Employer's Accounting for Post-Retirement Benefits Other Than Pensions, retroactive to January 1, 1991. The Corporation has elected to record and defer the full amount of its estimated accumulated post-retirement obligations other than pensions. These obligations \$33,830,038 as of December 31, 2003, and represent the actuarial present value of the post-retirement benefits to be paid to current employees and retirees based on services rendered.

g. System Money Pool

The Parent Company and its subsidiaries participate in the System Money Pool (Pool) which is administered by the Corporation on behalf of the participants.

Participants invest their excess funds to the Pool. Short-term financing requirements of participants, with the exception of the Parent Company, are satisfied by advances from the Pool. Excess funds in the Pool are invested by the Corporation on a short-term basis on behalf of the depositors.

Participants depositing funds in the Pool share in the interest earned on these investments plus interest paid to the Pool by borrowers on a basis proportionate to its investment in the Pool. Participants borrowing from the Pool pay interest at the rate equivalent to the composite rate on short-term transactions of the Pool. Participants may withdraw their investments in the Pool at any time. Borrowings from the Pool are payable on demand, and may be prepaid at any time without premium or penalty.

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SCHEDULE XV COMPARATIVE INCOME STATEMENT

		2003		003 2002		2002
ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT	YEAR	PRIOR	YEAR	
		\$000)	\$00	00	
	INCOME					

457 Services rendered to associate companies 277,807 304,443

458 417	Services rendered to nonassociate companies Interest Revenue		 1
417	Interest Revenue - Other	14	187
421	Miscellaneous Income or Loss	(24)	
	Total Income	 277 , 797	304,631
	EXPENSE		
920	Salaries and wages	118,019	139,915
921	Office supplies and expenses	13,180	11,997
922	Administrative expense transferred - credit		
923	Outside services employed	52,443	72 , 981
924	Property insurance	2	49
925	Injuries and damages	1,472	1,249
926	Employee pensions and benefits	30,189	24,846
928	Regulatory commission expense	568	
930.1	General advertising expenses	531	542
930.2	Miscellaneous general expenses	3,948	2,909
931	Rents	21,162	19,700
932	Maintenance of structures and equipment		8,510
403	Depreciation and amortization expense	7,064	8,032
408	Taxes other than income taxes	9,111	9,844
409	Income taxes	7,083	11,571
410	Provision for deferred income taxes	1,543	59,405
411	Provision for deferred income taxes - credit	(7,741)	(72,240)
426.1	Donations	370	255
426.5	Other deductions	49	2
430	Interest on debt to associate companies	2,737	4,078
431	Other interest expense	446	986
	Total Expense	277 , 797	304,631
	Net Income or (Loss)		
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ANALYSIS OF BILLING

ASSOCIATE COMPANIES ACCOUNT 457

NAME OF ASSOCIATE COMPANY	DIRECT	INDIRECT	COMPENSATION	TOTAL
	COSTS	COSTS	FOR USE	AMOUNT
	CHARGED	CHARGED	OF CAPITAL	BILLED
	457-1	457-2	457-3	

	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Bay State Massachusetts	14,963	6 , 862	166	21,991
Columbia Atlantic Trading Corporation	14	3		17
Columbia Energy Group	9,928	2,704	67	12,699
Columbia Energy Group Capital Corporation	8	1	-	9
Columbia Energy Services Corporation	531	68	2	601
Columbia Finance Corporation	23	7		30
Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.	4,723	2,518	59	7,300
Columbia Gas of Maryland, Inc.	1,754	873	21	2,648
Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.	32,688	15,180	364	48,232
Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.	13,764	6,418	154	20,336
Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc.	8,355	3,931	96	12,382
Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation			292	38,651
Columbia Gulf Transmission Company	5 , 599	2,959	71	8,629
Columbia Network Services Corporation	32	15		47
Columbia Pipeline Company	20	8		28
Columbia Remainder Corporation	705	83	2	790
Energy USA, Inc	3,016	1,761	35	4,812
Granite State Gas	315	143	3	461
Indianapolis Water Resources	(113)	2		(111)
Kokomo Gas and Fuel Company	270	149	4	423
NiSource Capital Markets	40	7		47
NiSource Development Company, Inc	2,675	183	6	2,864
NiSource Energy Services, Inc	3,343	118	3	3,464
NiSource Energy Technology	213	134	4	351
NiSource Finance Company	424	21	1	446
NiSource Insurance Corporation, Ltd.	25	9		34
NiSource, Inc.	26,341	1,325	28	27,694
NiSource Crossroads Pipeline	177	106	2	285
Northern Indiana Fuel and Light Company	340	104	5	449
Northern Indiana Public Service Company		15,476	364	50,103
Northern Utilities Maine	1,471	650	16	2,137
Northern Utilities New Hampshire	1,526	679	17	2,222
Primary Energy, Inc	3 , 134	806	19	3,959
Total Amount Billed in 2003			1,801	
Reconciliation to Total Revenues: Difference between Amount of Unbilled Revenue December 2002 and				
December 2003	1,947	894	936	3,777
		76,316	2,737	277 , 807
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ANALYSIS OF BILLING

NONASSOCIATE COMPANIES
ACCOUNT 458

NAME OF NONASSOCIATE COMPANY	DIRECT COST CHARGED	INDIRECT COST CHARGED	COMPENSATION FOR USE OF CAPITAL	TOTAL COST	EXCESS OR DEFICIENCY	AMOUNT BILLED
	458-1 	458-2 	458-3 		458-4	
N/A	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	

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Schedule XVI

ANALYSIS OF CHARGES FOR SERVICE ASSOCIATE AND NONASSOCIATE COMPANIES

		ASS	ASSOCIATE COMPANY CHARGES		NONASSOCIATE COMPANY CHARGES		
	DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS	DIRECT COST	INDIRECT COST	TOTAL	DIRECT COST		то
		\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$
920	Salaries and Wages	90,109	27,910	118,019			
921	Office Supplies and Expenses	10,171	3,009	13,180			
922	Administrative Expenses						
		•	(1,202)				
923	Outside Services Employed	50 , 669	1,774	52 , 443			
924	Property Insurance	(1)	3	2			
925	Injuries and Damages	1,382	90	1,472			
926	Employee Pensions and Benefits	471	29,718	30,189			
928	Regulatory Commission Expense	568		568			
930.1	General Advertising Expenses	516	15	531			
930.2	Miscellaneous General Expense	3,445	503	3,948			
931	Rents	20,820	342	21,162			
932	Maintenance of Structure and Equipment	13,232	2,389	15,621			
403	Depreciation and Amortization						
	Expense	5 , 463	1,601	7,064			
408	Taxes Other Than Income Taxes	469	8,642	9,111			
409	Income Taxes		7,083	7,083			
410	Provision for Deferred Income Taxes		1,543	1,543			

411	Provision for Deferred Income				
	Taxes Credit		(7,741)	(7,741)	
419	Other Interest		(14)	(14)	
421	Gain/Loss on Sale of Property		24	24	
426.1	Donations	236	134	370	
	Other Deductions	2	47	49	
	Interest on Long-Term Debt				
431	Other Interest Expense		446	446	
Instruc	etions: Total cost of service will equal the amount billed to associate and nonassociate companies under their separate analysis of billing schedules.				
	Total Expenses	198,754	76,316	275 , 070	
430	Interest on Short-Term Debt			936	
	Compensation for Use of Capital- Associated Companies				
430	Intercompany Interest on Indebtedness			1,801 	
	Compensation for Use of Equity Capital				
	Total Cost of Service			277 , 807	

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Schedule XVII

SCHEDULE OF EXPENSE BY DEPARTMENT OR SERVICE FUNCTION

DEPART
------TOTAL
DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS
AMOUNT OVERHEAD Accounting A

	DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS	AMOUNT	OVERHEAD	Accounting
		\$000	\$000	\$000
920	Salaries and Wages	118,019	27 , 910	6,846
921	Office Supplies and Expenses	13,180	3,009	205
922	Administrative Expenses Transferred - Credit		(1,202)	
923	Outside Services Employed	52,443	1,774	647
924	Property Insurance	2	3	
925	Injuries and Damages	1,472	90	

926	Employee Pensions and Benefits	30,189	29,718	15
928	Regulatory Commission Expense	568		
930.1	General Advertising Expense	531	15	6
930.2	Miscellaneous General Expense	3 , 948	503	111
931	Rents	21,162	342	11
932	Maintenance of Structures and Equipment	15,621	2,389	1
403	Depreciation and Amortization Expense	7,064	1,601	
408	Taxes Other Than Income Taxes	9,111	8,642	
409	Income Taxes	7,083	7,083	
410	Provision for Deferred Income Taxes	1,543	1,543	
411	Administrative Expenses Transferred - Credit	(7,741)	(7,741)	
411.5	Investment Tax Credit			
419	Other Interest	(14)	(14)	
421	Miscellaneous Income or Loss	24	24	
426.1	Donations	370	134	2
426.5	Other Deductions	49	47	
427	Interest on Long-Term Debt			
430	Interest on Debt to Associate Companies	2,737	2,737	
	Other Interest Expense	446	446	
Instruction: Indicate each department or service function. (See Instruction 01-3 General Structure of Accounting System:				
	Uniform System Account)			
	Total Expenses		79 , 053	7,844

DEPARTMENT	OR	SERVICE	FUNCT
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	DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS	Company General Managers	1 - 2	Corporate Communication
		\$000	\$000	\$000
920	Salaries and Wages	478	388	1 , 58
921	Office Supplies and Expenses	28	69	50
922	Administrative Expenses Transferred - Credit			-
923	Outside Services Employed	22	11	93
924	Property Insurance			-
925	Injuries and Damages			-
926	Employee Pensions and Benefits			
928	Regulatory Commission Expense			-
930.1	General Advertising Expense			26
930.2	Miscellaneous General Expense	7	117	25
931	Rents	4	7	3
932	Maintenance of Structures and Equipment			-
403	Depreciation and Amortization Expense			-
408	Taxes Other Than Income Taxes			-
409	Income Taxes			-
410	Provision for Deferred Income Taxes			-
411	Administrative Expenses Transferred - Credit			-
411.5	Investment Tax Credit			-
419	Other Interest			-
421	Miscellaneous Income or Loss			-
426.1	Donations			18
426.5	Other Deductions			=
427	Interest on Long-Term Debt			-

	nterest on Debt to Associate Companies Ther Interest Expense	 		- -
Instruction	: Indicate each department or service function. (See Instruction 01-3 General Structure of Accounting System: Uniform System Account)			
Tot	cal Expenses	539	592	3,75

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENSE BY DEPARTMENT OR SERVICE FUNCTION

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DEPARTMENT OR SERVICE FUNCTION

Account Number	Corporate Secretary	Corporate Treasury	Customer Contact Centers	Energy Supply Services	Environmental Affairs
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
920	229	786	1,505	4,930	5,044
921	56	25	71	194	598
922					
923	2,089	177	4	295	437
924					
925					
926				33	17
928					
930.1				2	
930.2	53	517	66	15	110
931		1	11	20	200
932				17	52
403					
408					
409					
410					
411					
411.5					
419					
421					
426.1					16
426.5					
427					
430					
431					
Total Expenses	2,427	1,506	1,657	5,506	6,474

Account Number	Executive VP and CFO		Executive VP Regulated Revenue	Facilities Management	Financial Planning
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
920	505	1,330	378	771	3,448
921	48	275	65	334	156
922				1,202	
923	8	1,336	137	59	560
924					
925					
926	4	3		226	33
928					
930.1					3
930.2	4	70	8	9	79
931	13	13	11	10,767	11
932				3,004	1
403					
408					
409					
410					
411					
411.5					
419					
421					
426.1					
426.5					
427					
430					
431					
Total Expenses	582	3 , 027	599	16,372	4,291

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Schedule XVII SCHEDULE OF EXPENSE BY DEPARTMENT OR SERVICE FUNCTION

DEPARTMENT OR SERVICE FUNCTION

			Human		
Account	Fleet	Governmental	Resources/	Information	Investor
Number	Management	Affairs	Benefits	Technology	Relations

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	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
920	1,281	209	3,042	26,985	262
921	92	39	172	3,250	79
922					
923		110	1,105	7,151	132
924				1	
925					
926			37	35	
928					
930.1				9	
930.2	2	3	27	806	7
931	3	87	3	8 , 971	
932			1	10,025	
403				4,957	
408				249	
409					
410					
411					
411.5					
419					
421					
426.1		5			
426.5					
427					
430					
431					
Total Expenses	1,378	453	4,387	62,439	480

Account Number	Large Customer Relationships and Transportation	Legal	Materials & Supplies	Meter-to-Cash	NiSource Retail Services
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
920	1,363	3,993	2,026	782	23
921	226	1,526	83	323	6
922					
923	1,457	28,724	82	58	41
924					
925					
926	8	11			
928					
930.1	183				14
930.2	10	135	12	6	27
931	4	25	3	3	
932		25	1	14	1
403					
408					
409					
410					

411					
411.5					
419					
421					
426.1					
426.5					
427					
430					
431					
Total Expenses	3,251	34,439	2,207	1,186	112

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Schedule XVII SCHEDULE OF EXPENSE BY DEPARTMENT OR SERVICE FUNCTION

DEPARTMENT OR SERVICE FUNCTION

Account Number	Operations Integration	Procurement	Real Estate Investments	Regulatory & Government	Security
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
920	381	1,122	203	3 , 359	426
921	53	133	16	477	51
922					
923	78	113	137	1,970	52
924					
925					
926					
928				568	
930.1		2		29	
930.2	1	20		316	16
931	3	6	7	39	
932		7			
403					
408					
409					
410					
411					
411.5					
419					
421					
426.1				23	
426.5		2			
427					
430					
431					
Total Expenses	516	1,405	363	6,781	545

Account Number	Support Operations	Tax	Technical Operations	Vice Chairman	Other
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
920	1,049	1,580	1,762	915	7,746
921	137	110	351	38	
922					
923	5	416	108	39	
924					
925					
926			41		
928					
930.1					
930.2	35	10	47	7	
931	21	5	18		1
932			5		
403					
408					218
409					
410					
411					
411.5					
419					
421					
426.1					
426.5					
427					
430					
431					
Total Expenses	1,247	2,121	2,332	999	7 , 965

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DEPARTMENTAL ANALYSIS OF SALARIES

ACCOUNT 920

		DEPARTMENTA	L SALARY EXPENSE	
NAME OF DEPARTMENT		INCLUDED IN A	AMOUNTS BILLED TO)
Indicate each department or service function	TOTAL AMOUNT	PARENT COMPANY	OTHER ASSOCIATES	NON ASSOCIATES

	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Accounting	9,684	164	9,520	
Auditing	2,225	47	2,178	
Aviation Services	180		180	
Chairman, President and CEO	1,625	263	1,362	
Company General Managers	684		684	
Company Presidents	572		572	
Corporate Communications	1,992	1	1,991	
Corporate Insurance	898	8	890	
Corporate Secretary	310	97	213	
Corporate Treasury	1,022	17	1,005	
Customer Contact Centers	1,877		1,877	
Energy Supply Services	6,090		6,090	
Environmental Affairs	6,165	51	6,114	
Executive VP and CFO	714	37	677	
Executive VP and COO	1,856	73	1,783	
Executive VP Regulated Revenue	540	1	539	
Facilities Management	1,048	10	1,038	
Financial Planning	4,623	19	4,604	
Fleet Management	1,547		1,547	
Governmental Affairs	302	2	300	
Human Resources/Benefits	4,301	8	4,293	
Information Technology	36,590	95	36,495	
Investor Relations	367	5	362	
Large Customer Relationships and Transportation	1,794	1	1,793	
Legal	5,240	336	4,904	
Materials & Supplies	2,436	2	2,434	
Meter-to-Cash	1,033	1	1,032	
NiSource Retail Services	31	13	18	
Operations Integration	459	104	355	

Procurement	2,245	22	2,223	
Real Estate Investments	299	5	294	
Regulatory & Government	4,458	3	4,455	
Security	546	9	537	
Support Operations	1,290		1,290	
Tax	2,096	34	2,062	
Technical Operations	2,178		2,178	
Vice Chairman	1,189	32	1,157	
Other	7,513	16,110	(8,597)	
Total	110 010	17 570	100,449	
Total	118,019	17 , 570	100,449	

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OUTSIDE SERVICES EMPLOYED

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ACCOUNT 923

INSTRUCTIONS: Provide a breakdown by subaccount of outside services employed. If the aggregate amounts paid to any one payee and included within one subaccount is less than \$100,000, only the aggregate number and the amount of all such payments included within the subaccount need be shown. Provide a subtotal for each type of service.

		RELATIONSHIP "A"= ASSOCIATE	
FOR WHOM PURCHASED	ADDRESS	"NA"=NON-ASSOCIATE	AMOUNT
			\$000

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See schedule 923-A

SCHEDULE 923-A

52,443

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OUTSIDE SERVICES EMPLOYED

ACCOUNT 923

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1-Special Services - Audit

5 Organizations

Total Special Services - Audit

2-Special Services - Legal

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166 Organizations

Total Special Services - Legal

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SCHEDULE 923-A

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OUTSIDE SERVICES EMPLOYED

ACCOUNT 923

FOR WHOM PURCHASED ADDRESS ______

3-Special Services - Consulting

ACCENTURE LLP ACLOCHE LLC ADECCO TECHNICAL PA CDI CORPORATION CHRISTENSEN & ASSOCIATES JAMES M CLARKE COMPUTER TASK GROUP INC PETER M. CONNOR F1, INC. GARTNER GROUP, INC. ROBINSON & MCELWEE LLP FRANK SHAMBO WILKERSON & ASSOCIATES

P.O. BOX 70629, CHICAGO, IL 60673-0629 P.O. BOX 632997, CINCINNATI, OH 45263-2997 P.O. BOX 371084, PITTSBURGH, PA 15250-7084 P.O. BOX 532428, ATLANTA, GA 30353-2428 P.O. BOX 60003, PHOENIX,, AZ 85082-0003 2912 ROSLYN TER, LONG BEACH, IN 46360-1726 P.O. BOX 711778, CINCINNATI, OH 45271-1778 3904 RIO GRANDE AVENUE, GROVEPORT, OH 43125 359 S. FRANKLIN ST., VALPARAISO, IN 46383-6423 P.O. BOX 911319, DALLAS, TX 75391-1319 191 W. NATIONWIDE BLVD., COLUMBUS, OH 43215 INFORMATION INTEGRATORS, INC.

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TRANSTECH INC P.O. BOX 95169, PALATINE, IL 60095-0169 3339 TAYLORSVILLE ROAD, LOUISVILLE, KY 40205-3103

210 Organizations

Total Special Services - Consulting

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SCHEDULE 923-A ANNUAL REPORT OF NISOURCE CORPORATE SERVICES COMPANY, INC. OUTSIDE SERVICES EMPLOYED ACCOUNT 923

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FOR WHOM PURCHASED	ADDRESS
l-Special Services - Other	
ADECCO TECHNICAL PA	P.O. BOX 371084, PITTSBURGH, PA 15250-7084
AT&T	7872 COLLECTION CENTER DRIVE, CHICAGO, IL 60693
COLUMBIA GAS TRANSMISSION CO	·
COLUMBIA GAS OF PENNSYLVANIA	200 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE, COLUMBUS, OH 43215
KEVIN M. CONSIDINE, P C	1 BOSTON PLACE, 28TH FLOOR, BOSTON, MA 02108
FITCH, INC	P.O. BOX 26858, NEW YORK, NY 10087-6858
HEWITT ASSOCIATES LLC	P.O. BOX 95135, CHICAGO, IL 60694-5135
LANIER WORLDWIDE INC MARKETING SERVICES BY VECTRA	LANIER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, ATLANTA, GA 30392-19 3990 BUSINESS PARK DRIVE, COLUMBUS, OH 43204
MELLON INVESTOR SERVICES	ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT, PITTSBURGH, PA 15251-6857
META GROUP INC	P.O. BOX 19114, NEWARK, NJ 07195-0114
MORROW & COMPANY, INC.	F.D.R. STATION, NEW YORK, NY 10150-0748
MOSSBERG & COMPANY INC	P.O. BOX 210, SOUTH BEND, IN 46624-0210
NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, INC	P.O. BOX 4530, NEW YORK, NY 10163
	CE CO. 5201 INDUSTRIAL HIGHWAY, GARY, IN 46406-1125
POMEROY COMPUTER	RESOURCES, INC., CINCINNATI, OH 452640381
ROBERT HALF TECHNOLOGY	12400 COLLECTION CENTER DR, CHICAGO, IL 60693-0124
SUNGARD RECOVERY SERVICES IN	P.O. BOX 91233, CHICAGO, IL 60693
	Total Special Services - Other
	Total All Special Services
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EN	LOYEE PENSIONS AND BENEFITS
	ACCOUNT 926
	g of each pension plan and benefit program service company. Such listing should be limited
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT

Dental Assistance Plan

\$000

1,063

Educational Assistance	443
Employee Assistance Plan	136
Employee Cafeteria Subsidy	282
Employee Relocation Expense	796
Employee Retirement Expense	7,989
Flexible Spending Health & Dental	28
Group Life Insurance	355
Long-Term Disability Insurance	119
Medical Expense Plan	10,390
Pension Restoration Plan	5,231
Thrift Plan	3,283
Miscellaneous	74
Total	30,189

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GENERAL ADVERTISING EXPENSES

ACCOUNT 930.1

INSTRUCTIONS: Provide a listing of the amount included in Account 930.1, "General Advertising Expenses," classifying the items according to the nature of the advertising and as defined in the account definition. If a particular class includes an amount in excess of \$3,000 applicable to a single payee, show separately the name of the payee and the aggregate amount applicable thereto.

DESCRIPTION	NAME OF PAYEE	AMOUNT
		\$000
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Employee Recruiting/Advertising Employee Recruiting/Advertising	Big River Advertising Brown Publishing Co.	30 3
Employee Recruiting/Advertising	Buyrite Merchandising Corp	3
Employee Recruiting/Advertising Employee Recruiting/Advertising	California Unversity Of Pennsylvania Clear Channel Outdoor	25 4

Employee	Recruiting/Advertising	Clear Channel Radio	4
Employee	Recruiting/Advertising	Columbus Blue Jackets	50
Employee	Recruiting/Advertising	Columbus Dispatch	17
Employee	Recruiting/Advertising	Element Design Group	5
Employee	Recruiting/Advertising	Ferrante & Associates	14
Employee	Recruiting/Advertising	Hearld Star	6
Employee	Recruiting/Advertising	Lord, Sullivan, & Yoder	7
Employee	Recruiting/Advertising	Marketing Services By Vectra	10
Employee	Recruiting/Advertising	Nationwide Advertising	4
Employee	Recruiting/Advertising	Newspaper Network Of Central Ohio	10
Employee	Recruiting/Advertising	Shaker Advertising Agency	7
Employee	Recruiting/Advertising	Steelers Radio Network	9
Employee	Recruiting/Advertising	The David Group	22
Employee	Recruiting/Advertising	The Plain Dealer	9
Employee	Recruiting/Advertising	The Toledo Blade Company	9
Employee	Recruiting/Advertising	Think, Inc.	250
Employee	Recruiting/Advertising	All Others	33
TOTAL	1		531

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MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL EXPENSES

ACCOUNT 930.2

INSTRUCTIONS:

Provide a listing of the amount included in Account 930.2, "Miscellaneous General Expenses," classifying such expenses according to their nature. Payments and expenses permitted by Section 321 (b)(2) of the Federal Election Campaign Act, as amended by Public Law 94-283 in 1976 (2 U.S.C. Section 441 (b)(2) shall be separately classified.

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
	\$000
Aircraft Service	164
Dues and Memberships - Corporate	333
Employee Recruiting	69
Employee Training	1,558
Other	1,824
TOTAL	3 , 948

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RENTS

ACCOUNT 931

INSTRUCTIONS: Provide a listing of the amount included in Account 931, "Rents", classifying such expenses by major grouping of property, as defined in the account definition of the Uniform System of Accounts.

	AMOUNT
	\$000
Air Transportation	498
Auto and General Tools	672
Communications	661
Data Processing	5,275
Office Space	10,935
Miscellaneous	3,121
TOTAL	21,162

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TAXES OTHER THAN INCOME TAXES

ACCOUNT 408

INSTRUCTIONS:

Provide an analysis of Account 408, "Taxes Other Than Income Taxes." Separate the analysis into two groups: (1) other than U.S. Government taxes, and (2) U.S. Government taxes. Specify each of the various kinds of taxes and show the amounts thereof. Provide a subtotal for each class tax.

		AMOUNT
		\$000
(1)	Other than U.S. Government Taxes:	
	Property	1,123
	Sales and Use	6
	Unemployment	313
	License or Franchise	
	Total - other	1,442
(2)	U.S. Government Taxes:	
	Federal Insurance Contribution	7,381
	Unemployment	88
	Miscellaneous	200
	Total - Federal	7,669
	TOTAL	9,111

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DONATIONS

ACCOUNT 426.1

INSTRUCTIONS: Provide a listing of the amount included in Account 426-1, "Donations," classifying such expenses by its purpose. The aggregate number and amount of all items of less than \$3,000 may be shown in lieu of details.

NAME OF RECIPIENT	PURPOSE OF DONATION	AMOUNT
		\$000
Advantages in Marketing	Community Welfare	7
Affiliated Chambers of Commerce	Community Welfare	8
American Cancer Society	Community Welfare	5
Energy and Environmental Analysis	Community Welfare	10
First Night Columbus	Community Welfare	5
Fitz Gerald & Robbins Inc.	Community Welfare	9
Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce	Community Welfare	10

Indiana Port Commission	Community Welfare	5
National Capital Area Council	Community Welfare	5
Operation Defibrillator	Community Welfare	3
The University of Toledo Foundation	Community Welfare	17
United Way of Central Ohio	Community Welfare	130
United Way of South Hampton	Community Welfare	5
USCHPA Conference Headquarters	Community Welfare	5
VMI Key Club	Community Welfare	10
Miscellaneous (198)		136
TOTAL		370

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OTHER DEDUCTIONS

ACCOUNT 426.5

INSTRUCTIONS:

Provide a listing of the amount included in Account 426.5, "Other Deductions," classifying such expenses according to their nature.

DESCRIPTION AMOUNT

Fees

\$000

49

TOTAL 49

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SCHEDULE XVIII

NOTES TO STATEMENT OF INCOME

INSTRUCTIONS:

The space below is provided for important notes regarding the statement of income or any account thereof. Furnish particulars as to any significant increase in services rendered or expenses incurred during the year. Notes relating to financial statements shown elsewhere in this report may be indicated here by reference.

Salary and wage expense was lower \$21.9 million in 2003 when compared to 2002. In 2002, salary and wage expense was higher \$10.1 million as a result of severance charges relating to a corporate restructuring initiative. Salary and wage expense was also lower in 2003 due to a decrease in stock based compensation and bonus payout of \$11.1 and \$1.7 million respectively.

Outside Services decreased approximately \$20 million from 2002 to 2003. Outside services was lower \$14 million in 2003 when compared to 2002 due to a decrease in Consulting and Legal expenses of \$7 million and \$7 million respectively. Other outside services also decreased approximately \$6 million in 2003 when compared to 2002. The decrease in other outside services is primarily due to a one-time payment to an outside firm in 2002 as a result of a restructuring initiative.

Benefits expense increased in 2003 by \$5.3 million. This increase was primarily due to increased Retirement Income Plan expense from 2002 to 2003.

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NiSource Corporate Services Company Inc.

Organization Chart

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	Sam Miller	Mike O'Donnell	Peter Fazio	Commun
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- Auditing 	- Aviation Services 	- Accounting 	- Corporate	
	 - Company General Managers 			 - Human F Ben
	Customer	 	- - Legal 	
	 	 	 - Security 	
	 - Fleet Management 	 - Investor Relations	- - -	
	 	 	- - -	
	 - Materials & Supplies 	 	- -	
	 - NiSource Retail Services			
	 - Support Operations			
	 - Technical			

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METHODS OF ALLOCATION

The following Basis of Allocation have been approved by the SEC as a method of allocating Job Order charges and convenience payments directly to Associate Companies.

- Total Gross Fixed Assets and Total Operating Expenses
- Total Gross Fixed Assets
- Total Operating Expenses and Gross Depreciable Property
- Gross Depreciable Property
- Number of Automobile Units Owned and Leased
- Number of Retail Customers
- Number of Regular Employees
- Fixed Allocation
- Number of Transportation Customers
- Total Employees and Customers
- Total Plant, State Employees and Customers
- Total Tariff and Transportation Customers
- Direct Costs

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF COMPENSATION FOR USE OF CAPITAL BILLED

COMPENSATION FOR USE OF CAPITAL SUMMARY OF BILLING TO ASSOCIATE COMPANIES

Company	Direct & Allocated Labor	Compensation Billed
	\$000	\$000
Bay State Massachusetts	7,265	167
Columbia Atlantic Trading Corporation	3	
Columbia Energy Group	2,923	67
Columbia Energy Group Capital Corporation	2	
Columbia Energy Services Corporation	77	2
Columbia Finance Corporation	8	
Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.	2,592	60
Columbia Gas of Maryland, Inc.	911	21
Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.	15 , 875	364

Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.	6,691	154
Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc.	4,135	95
Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation	12,745	292
Columbia Gulf Transmission Company	3,114	71
Columbia Network Services Corporation	17	
Columbia Pipeline Company	8	
Columbia Remainder Corporation	91	2
Energy USA, Inc	1,533	35
Granite State Gas	144	3
Indianapolis Water Resources	1	
Kokomo Gas and Fuel Company	160	4
NiSource Capital Markets	8	
NiSource Development Company, Inc	228	5
NiSource Energy Services, Inc	114	3
NiSource Energy Technology	154	4
NiSource Finance Company	25	1
NiSource Insurance Corporation, Ltd.	10	
NiSource, Inc.	1,236	28
NiSource Crossroads Pipeline	109	2
Northern Indiana Fuel and Light Company	232	5
Northern Indiana Public Service Company	15 , 885	364
Northern Utilities Maine	703	16
Northern Utilities New Hampshire	723	17
Primary Energy, Inc	829	19
Total	78,551	1,801
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The above is a summary of the Compensation for Use of Capital billed to each company. Attached is a sample of the annual statement sent to each associate company. Since they are identical except for the amount billed, the summary is included in lieu of thirty-three individual statements (see page 49).

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NISOURCE CORPORATE SERVICES COMPANY, INC.

COMPENSATION FOR USE OF CAPITAL

BILLED TO

COLUMBIA GULF TRANSMISSION COMPANY

DURING 2003

	INTEREST			SYSTEM DIRECT &	MONTHLY RATE
BILLING	TO	NET	TOTAL	ALLOCATED	COL. 3/
MONTH	PARENT	INCOME	COMPENSATION	LABOR	COL. 4
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)

JANUARY	150,028.07	0.00	150,028.07	6,231,703.29	0.02407
FEBRUARY	150,028.04	0.00	150,028.04	7,259,585.51	0.02067
MARCH	150,028.04	0.00	150,028.04	6,382,853.98	0.02350
APRIL	150,028.07	0.00	150,028.07	6,702,143.45	0.02239
MAY	150,028.04	0.00	150,028.04	6,335,460.65	0.02368
JUNE	150,028.04	0.00	150,028.04	6,776,301.24	0.02214
JULY	150,028.07	0.00	150,028.07	6,543,332.70	0.02293
AUGUST	150,028.04	0.00	150,028.04	6,329,755.51	0.02370
SEPTEMBER	150,028.04	0.00	150,028.04	6,581,920.62	0.02279
OCTOBER	150,028.07	0.00	150,028.07	6,393,122.89	0.02347
NOVEMBER	150,028.04	0.00	150,028.04	7,027,671.57	0.02135
DECEMBER	150,028.04	0.00	150,028.04	5,987,082.56	0.02506
	1,800,336.60	0.00	1,800,336.60	78,550,933.97	0.27575
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OFFICER AUTHORIZATION

Pursuant to the requirements of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 and the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission issued thereunder, the undersigned company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned officer thereunto duly authorized.

NISOURCE CORPORATE SERVICES COMPANY, INC.

				By:	/s/	Vincent	DeVito
						Vincent Control	
Date:	April	30,	2004				

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