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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, 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 REPORTING COMPANY	ENERGY OR GAS-RELATED COMPANY	DATE OF ORGANIZATION	STATE OF ORGANIZATION	PER OF SEC
Columbia Deep Water Services Company (Deep Water)	Gas-related	01/07/98	Delaware	
Granite State Gas Transmission EnergyUSA-TPC Corporation	Gas-related Energy-related	10/24/55 08/10/00	New Hampshire Delaware	
KGF Trading Company	Energy-related	07/31/92	Indiana	
Crossroads Pipeline Company	Gas-related	04/05/93	Indiana	
NI Energy Services Transportation, Inc.	Gas-related	06/18/98	Indiana	
NI-TEX, Inc.	Gas-related	08/26/88	Indiana	
NiSource Energy Technologies, Inc.	Energy-related	10/27/00	Indiana	
NESI Power Marketing, Inc. (1)	Energy-related	07/18/96	Indiana	
SunPower Corporation	Energy-related	04/24/85	California	1
NewPower Holdings	Energy-related	06/29/00	Delaware	
Acumentrics Corporation	Energy-related	08/18/94	Massachusetts	

(1) NESI Power Marketing, Inc. was inactive at 3/31/04

Note: Previously reported EnergyUSA-Appalachian Corp. and NI-TEX Gas Services, Inc. were dissolved in 2003

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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	Colla Given Secu
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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

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 Charges	Indirect Costs Charges	Cost of Capital	Total Amount Billed
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None

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 Cos Charges
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Columbia Gulf Transmission	Deep Water	Operation & Maintenance		\$11,418
NiSource Corporate Services Company	Columbia Deep Water	Administrative	\$ 8,651	
NiSource Corporate Services Company	NiSource Energy Tech.	Administrative	\$106,908	
NiSource Corporate Services Company	Granite State Gas	Administrative	\$ 94,666	
NiSource Corporate Services Company	Crossroads Pipeline	Administrative	\$ 82,621	

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ITEM 4. SUMMARY OF AGGREGATE INVESTMENT

(\$ in thousands)

INVESTMENTS IN ENERGY-RELATED COMPANIES:

Total consolidated capitalization as of March 31, 2004	\$ 10,552,632
Total capitalization multiplied by 15% (line 1 multiplied by 0.15)	1,582,895
Greater of \$50 million or line 2	
Total current aggregate investment: (categorized by major line of energy-related business)	
Energy-related business	--
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	

ITEM 5. OTHER INVESTMENTS

Major Line of Energy- Related Business	Other Investment in last U-9C-3 Report	Other Investment in this U-9C-3 Report	Reason for in Other
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None	\$1,849,261,595	\$1,757,295,903	
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\* 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). These companies include Columbia Gas Transmission Corp., Columbia Gulf Transmission Co., Columbia Natural Resources, Inc., Columbia Energy Services Corp., and Columbia Propane Corp.

\* For NiSource Inc. the scope of the reporting of other investments includes investments made prior to 11-1-00 in pre-existing subsidiaries that could have been acquired pursuant to Rule 58(b) (2).

ITEM 6. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

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

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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: May 11, 2004

By: /s/ Jeffrey W. Grossman

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

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