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

FORM U-9C-3

QUARTERLY REPORT

FOR THE QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

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	PERCENTAGE OF VOTING SECURITIES HELD
Columbia Deep Water Services Company (Deep Water)	Gas-related	01/07/98	Delaware	10.0
Granite State Gas Transmission	Gas-related	10/24/55	New Hampshire	10.0
EnergyUSA-TPC Corporation	Energy-related	08/10/00	Delaware	10.0
KGF Trading Company	Energy-related	07/31/92	Indiana	10.0
Crossroads Pipeline Company	Gas-related	04/05/93	Indiana	10.0
NI Energy Services Transportation, Inc.	Gas-related	06/18/98	Indiana	10.0
NI-TEX Gas Services, Inc.	Gas-related	03/30/87	Delaware	10.0
NI-TEX, Inc.	Gas-related	08/26/88	Indiana	10.0
NiSource Energy Technologies, Inc.	Energy-related	10/27/00	Indiana	10.0
EnergyUSA Appalachian Corporation	Energy-related	02/19/01	Indiana	10.0
NESI Power Marketing, Inc.	Energy-related	07/18/96	Indiana	10.0
SunPower Corporation	Energy-related	04/24/85	California	14.3
NewPower Holdings	Energy-related	06/29/00	Delaware	0.0
Acumentrics Corporation	Energy-related	08/18/94	Massachusetts	3.0

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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	Collateral Given or Secured
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None						

CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS:

Company Contributing Capital	Company Receiving Capital	Amount of Capital Contribution
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NiSource, Inc.	NI Energy Services Transportation, Inc.	\$15,000,000

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	Reporting Company	Types of Services	Direct Costs	Indirect Costs
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Rendering Services	Receiving Services	Rendered	Charged	Charges
Columbia Gulf Transmission	Deep Water	Operation & Maintenance		\$11,418
NiSource Corporate Services Company	Columbia Deep Water	Administrative	\$18,141	
NiSource Corporate Services Company	NiSource Energy Tech.	Administrative	\$129,236	
NiSource Corporate Services Company	Granite State Gas	Administrative	\$127,775	
NiSource Corporate Services Company	Crossroads Pipeline	Administrative	\$98,819	

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ITEM 4. SUMMARY OF AGGREGATE INVESTMENT

(\$ in thousands)

INVESTMENTS IN ENERGY-RELATED COMPANIES:

Total consolidated capitalization as of December 31, 2003	\$ 10,490,361
Total capitalization multiplied by 15% (line 1 multiplied by 0.15)	1,573,554
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

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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
None	\$1,916,969,353	\$1,849,261,595	*

\* 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

Not required for the fourth quarter.

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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.

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NiSource Inc

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(Registrant)

Date: March 30, 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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EXHIBIT A

CERTIFICATE

NiSource's Quarterly Report on Form U-9C-3 filed pursuant to Rule 58 for the quarter ended December 31, 2003 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

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Augusta, ME 04333

Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications & Energy  
One South Station  
Boston, MA 02110

New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
8 Old Suncook Road  
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