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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<br>GAS-RELATED<br>COMPANY | DATE OF<br>ORGANIZATION | STATE OF<br>ORGANIZATION | PERCENT<br>OF VO<br>SECURI<br>HEL |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Columbia Deep Water Services Company (Deep Water) | Gas-related                         | 01/07/98                | Delaware                 | 10                                |
| Granite State Gas Transmission                    | Gas-related                         | 10/24/55                | New Hampshire            | 10                                |
| EnergyUSA-TPC Corporation                         | Energy-related                      | 08/10/00                | Delaware                 | 10                                |
| KGF Trading Company                               | Energy-related                      | 07/31/92                | Indiana                  | 10                                |
| Crossroads Pipeline Company                       | Gas-related                         | 04/05/93                | Indiana                  | 10                                |
| NI Energy Services Transportation, Inc.           | Gas-related                         | 06/18/98                | Indiana                  | 10                                |
| NI-TEX Gas Services, Inc.                         | Gas-related                         | 03/30/87                | Delaware                 | 10                                |
| NI-TEX, Inc.                                      | Gas-related                         | 08/26/88                | Indiana                  | 10                                |
| NiSource Energy Technologies, Inc.                | Energy-related                      | 10/27/00                | Indiana                  | 10                                |
| EnergyUSA Appalachian Corporation                 | Energy-related                      | 02/19/01                | Indiana                  | 10                                |
| NESI Power Marketing, Inc.                        | Energy-related                      | 07/18/96                | Indiana                  | 10                                |
| SunPower Corporation                              | Energy-related                      | 04/24/85                | California               | 14.                               |
| NewPower Holdings                                 | Energy-related                      | 06/29/00                | Delaware                 | 0.                                |
| Acumentrics Corporation                           | Energy-related                      | 08/18/94                | Massachusetts            | 3.                                |

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 |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|

None

CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS:

| Company Contributing Capital | Company Receiving Capital | Amount of Capital Contribution |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|

|                |   |              |
|----------------|---|--------------|
| 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 |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|

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-<br>Related Business | Other Investment in<br>last U-9C-3 Report | Other Investment in<br>this U-9C-3 Report | Reason for<br>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  
Concord, NH 03301