

NISOURCE INC/DE
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Â HELMS CHRISTOPHER A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

801 E 86TH AVENUE

(Street)

MERRILLVILLE,Â INÂ 46410-6272

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event
Requiring Statement
(Month/Day/Year)
05/10/2005

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
NISOURCE INC/DE [NI]

4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10%
Owner
__X__ Officer ____ Other
(give title below) (specify below)
President, Pipeline Group

6. Individual or Joint/Group
Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting
Person
____ Form filed by More than One
Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities
Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership
Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Common Stock

20,000

D Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially
owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and
Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of
Securities Underlying
Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

4. Conversion
or Exercise
Price of
Derivative
Security

5. Ownership
Form of
Derivative
Security:
Direct (D)
or Indirect

6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Date
Exercisable

Expiration
Date

Title

Amount or
Number of
Shares

(I)
(Instr. 5)

Non Qualified Stock Options	04/01/2006	04/01/2015	Common Stock	28,571	\$ 22.91	D	Â
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HELMS CHRISTOPHER A 801 E 86TH AVENUE MERRILLVILLE, IN 46410-6272	Â	Â	Â President, Pipeline Group	Â

Signatures

Gary W. Pottorff, Power of Attorney for Christopher A. Helms	05/20/2005
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**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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