

NISOURCE INC/DE  
Form 8-K  
July 26, 2011

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant To Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 26, 2011**

**NiSource Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission file number 001-16189

Delaware

35-2108964

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

801 East 86th Avenue  
Merrillville, Indiana

46410

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (877) 647-5990

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions.

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4 (c))
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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

Effective July 26, 2011, the NiSource Inc. (the Company) Board of Directors appointed Mr. Sigmund L. Cornelius to the Company's Board of Directors. It is expected that Mr. Cornelius will serve on the following Committees: Audit, Corporate Governance, and Finance. Mr. Cornelius will be compensated for his service as a director under the Company's compensation plans for non-employee directors which are set forth generally on pages 12-13 of the Company's 2011 Proxy Statement as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 1, 2011, including participating in the Company's 2010 Omnibus Incentive Plan, under which he received a pro-rated annual award of restricted stock units upon his appointment. Subject to the specific terms and conditions of the restricted stock unit award agreement, the restricted stock units awarded to Mr. Cornelius will vest and be payable to him, on the last day of his initial term.

A copy of the press release announcing the appointment of Mr. Cornelius and including information regarding his background and experience is attached hereto as exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit<br>Number | Description  |
|-------------------|--|
| 99.1              | Press Release, dated July 26, 2011, issued by NiSource, Inc. |

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NiSource Inc.

(Registrant)

Date: July 26, 2011

By: /s/ Robert E. Smith

Robert E. Smith  
Vice President and Assistant Corporate  
Secretary

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