

SKAGGS ROBERT C JR  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
SKAGGS ROBERT C JR

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
801 E 86TH AVENUE  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/23/2010

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President & CEO

MERRILLVILLE, IN 46410-6272  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/23/2010	03/23/2010	A	158,630 A \$ 15.76	702,543	D	
Common Stock					16,710.2719 (1)	I	401(k) Plan

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	03/23/2010	03/23/2010	A	1,957.165	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	1,957.165
Non Qualified Stock Options	\$ 25.94					01/01/2001	01/01/2011	Common Stock	15,000
Non Qualified Stock Options	\$ 21.005					01/25/2002	01/25/2012	Common Stock	18,000
Non Qualified Stock Options	\$ 19.84					01/01/2003	01/01/2013	Common Stock	27,000
Non Qualified Stock Options	\$ 21.86					01/01/2005	01/01/2014	Common Stock	48,000
Non Qualified Stock Options	\$ 22.62					01/03/2006	01/03/2015	Common Stock	171,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SKAGGS ROBERT C JR 801 E 86TH AVENUE MERRILLVILLE, IN 46410-6272	X		President & CEO	

## Signatures

Gary W. Pottorff, attorney-in-fact for Robert C. Skaggs, Jr. 03/24/2010

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Includes shares acquired through the NiSource Inc. Retirement Savings Plan through March 1, 2010.
- (2) The phantom stock units represent dividend equivalents and are to be settled following the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service.

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