

NISOURCE INC/DE  
Form 8-K  
September 16, 2005

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**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): September 16, 2005  
NISOURCE INC.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

Delaware  
(State or Other  
Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

001-16189  
(Commission File  
Number)

35-2108964  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

801 East 86th Avenue,  
Merrillville, Indiana 46410  
(877) 647-5990  
(Address and Telephone Number  
of Principal Executive Offices)

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:

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS**

On September 7, 2005, NiSource Inc. and NiSource Finance Corp. (the Companies ) entered into a Terms Agreement with Barclays Capital Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Credit Suisse First Boston LLC, as representatives for the several underwriters, with respect to the offering and sale of \$450,000,000 of 5.25% Notes due 2017 (the 2017 Notes ) and \$550,000,000 of 5.45% Notes due 2020 (the 2020 Notes , and together with the 2017 Notes, the Notes ). The offering closed on September 16, 2005. The offering of the Notes was registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, pursuant to the Companies shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-107421). The form of 2017 Notes is filed on Exhibit 4.1, and the form of 2020 Notes is filed on Exhibit 4.2, to this Report on Form 8-K, and are hereby incorporated by reference herein.

**ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(c) Exhibits

| Exhibit<br>Number | Description                  |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
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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: September 16, 2005

By: /s/ Jeffrey W. Grossman

Jeffrey W. Grossman  
Vice President and Controller

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