

NISOURCE INC/DE  
Form 8-K  
January 31, 2005

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**United States  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
Washington, DC 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): January 31, 2005

Commission file number 001-16189

**NiSource Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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| <u>Delaware</u>   | <u>35-2108964</u>                       |
| (State or other jurisdiction of<br>incorporation or organization) | (I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |
| <u>801 East 86th Avenue<br/>Merrillville, Indiana</u>             | <u>46410</u>                            |
| (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 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))



ITEM 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On January 31, 2005, NiSource Inc. (the Company ) reported its financial results for the fiscal quarter and year ended December 31, 2004. The Company s press release, dated January 31, 2005, is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits

| Exhibit<br>Number | Description  |
|-------------------|--|
| 99.1              | Press Release, dated January 31, 2005, issued by NiSource Inc. |

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.

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|                        |     | NiSource Inc.  |
|                        |     | _____  |
|                        |     | (Registrant)   |
| Date: January 31, 2005 | By: | /s/ Jeffrey W. Grossman                              |
|                        |     | _____  |
|                        |     | Jeffrey W. Grossman<br>Vice President and Controller |

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