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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Add MCCRACH	_	-	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NISOURCE INC/DE [NI]						
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	(Month/Day/Year) 05/10/2005	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			
801 E 86TH A	VENUE						Thea(Monday Day)			
	(Street)			(Check all applicable)		ble)	6. Individual or Joint/Group			
MERRILLVIL	LLE, INÂ	46410-6272		Of	Owner Ticer C below) (specify	ther	Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned						
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)	1		2. Amount of Se Beneficially Ow (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Natu Owner (Instr. :	*			
Reminder: Report owned directly or	_	e line for each cla	ass of securities beneficially	y s	SEC 1473 (7-02	2)				
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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801 E 86TH AVENUE ÂX X Â Â Â

MERRILLVILLE, INÂ 46410-6272

Signatures

Gary W. Pottorff, Power of Attorney 05/11/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
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