

NISOURCE INC/DE  
Form 8-K  
January 25, 2013

**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): January 24, 2013

**NiSource Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation or organization)

Commission  
file number

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

**801 East 86th Avenue**  
**Merrillville, Indiana**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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

**46410**  
(Zip Code)

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4 (c))

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On January 24, 2013, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ( FERC ) issued its Order approving a settlement among Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC ( Columbia Transmission ) and a majority of its customers that facilitates Columbia Transmission 's comprehensive interstate natural gas pipeline modernization program. Columbia Transmission is a wholly owned subsidiary of NiSource Inc. As previously reported, the settlement provides for Columbia Transmission to invest approximately \$300 million per year, in addition to a \$100 million investment in ongoing maintenance, over the 2013 through 2017 period on system improvements. The full text of the Order (Docket No. RP12-1021-000) is available on the FERC 's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/Files/20130124163733-RP12-1021-000.pdf>.

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.

Date: January 25, 2013

By:

NiSource Inc.  
(Registrant)  
  
/s/ Robert E. Smith  
Robert E. Smith  
Vice President, Deputy General Counsel  
and Assistant Secretary