NISOURCE INC/DE Form 8-K September 26, 2006

# 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 25, 2006 NISOURCE INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware 001-16189 35-2108964
(State or Other (Commission File (IRS Employer Jurisdiction of Number) Identification No.)
Incorporation)

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:

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### ITEM 7.01. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On September 26, 2006, Bob Skaggs, the Company s President and CEO, will be making a presentation at the Merrill Lynch Global Power and Gas Leaders Conference. Attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report on Form 8-K is a copy of the materials to be used by Mr. Skaggs as part of his presentation. Investors may access a webcast of Mr. Skaggs s presentation, as well as a copy of the attached exhibit at the Company s website (www.nisource.com). The attached presentation includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Those statements include statements regarding the intent, belief or current expectations of NiSource and its management. Although NiSource believes that its expectations are based on reasonable assumptions, it can give no assurance that its goals will be achieved. Readers are cautioned that the forward-looking statements in this presentation are not guarantees of future performance and involve a number of risks and uncertainties, and that actual results could differ materially from those indicated by such forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated by such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, the following: weather; fluctuations in supply and demand for energy commodities; growth opportunities for NiSource s businesses; increased competition in deregulated energy markets; the success of regulatory and commercial initiatives; dealings with third parties over whom NiSource has no control; the effectiveness of NiSource s outsourcing initiative; actual operating experience of NiSource assets; the regulatory process; regulatory and legislative changes; changes in general economic, capital and commodity market conditions; and counter-party credit risk.

NiSource does not have, and expressly disclaims, any obligation to release publicly any updates or any changes in NiSource s expectations or any changes in events, conditions or circumstances on which any forward-looking statement is based.

#### ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits

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99.1 Information to be presented at the Merrill Lynch Global Power and Gas Leaders Conference on September 26, 2006.

#### **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 25, 2006 By: /s/ Jeffrey W. Grossman

Jeffrey W. Grossman Vice President and Controller

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