

SKAGGS ROBERT C JR
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 SKAGGS ROBERT C JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 NISOURCE INC/DE [NI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 801 E 86TH AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2004

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 President

MERRILLVILLE, IN 46410-6272
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/03/2005		D	5,544 D \$ 0	76,240	D	
Common Stock	01/03/2005		S	2,055 D \$ 0	74,185	D	
Common Stock	12/31/2004		J ⁽¹⁾	V 277.808 A \$ 0	8,255.9306	I	401(k) Plan

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount Number Shares
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					08/08/1988 08/08/1988	Common Stock 102,93
Non Qualified Stock Options	\$ 19.84					01/01/2003 01/01/2013	Common Stock 27,
Non Qualified Stock Options	\$ 21.005					01/25/2002 01/25/2012	Common Stock 18,
Non Qualified Stock Options	\$ 21.86					01/01/2005 01/01/2014	Common Stock 48,
Non Qualified Stock Options	\$ 22.62	01/03/2005		A	171,429	01/03/2006 01/03/2015	Common Stock 171,
Non Qualified Stock Options	\$ 25.94					01/01/2001 01/01/2011	Common Stock 15,

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SKAGGS ROBERT C JR 801 E 86TH AVENUE MERRILLVILLE, IN 46410-6272			President	

Signatures

Gary W. Pottorff, Power of
Attorney

01/04/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Includes shares acquired through the NiSource Inc. 401(k) Plan. Transaction is exempt pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities and Exchange Act.

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