

NISOURCE INC/DE  
Form 8-K  
December 21, 2011

**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): December 21, 2011

**NiSource Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission file number 001-16189

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of

35-2108964  
(I.R.S. Employer

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incorporation or organization)

Identification No.)

**801 East 86th Avenue**

**Merrillville, Indiana**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**46410**

(Zip Code)

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

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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 December 21, 2011, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ( IURC ) issued its Order in Northern Indiana Public Service Company s ( Northern Indiana ) electric rate case (the Order ). Northern Indiana is a wholly owned subsidiary of NiSource Inc. ( NiSource ). In the Order, the IURC accepted and approved the electric base rate settlement among Northern Indiana, the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor, Northern Indiana s industrial customers and a coalition of municipalities. The full text of the Order (Cause No. 43969) is available on the IURC s Electronic Document System at <https://myweb.in.gov/IURC/eds/>.

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: December 21, 2011

By:

/s/ Robert E. Smith  
Robert E. Smith  
Vice President and Assistant Corporate Secretary