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FORM U-12 (I)-B (THREE-YEAR STATEMENT)

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C.

FORM U-12 (I)-B

STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(i) OF PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING COMPANY ACT OF 1935 BY A PERSON EMPLOYED OR RETAINED BY A REGISTERED HOLDING COMPANY OR A SUBSIDIARY THEREOF AND WHOSE EMPLOYMENT CONTEMPLATES ONLY ROUTINE EXPENSES AS SPECIFIED IN RULE 71(b)

1. Name and business address of person filing statement.

Schiff Hardin LLP, 6600 Sears Tower, Chicago, Illinois 60606;  
1101 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Suite 600, Washington, D.C. 20036;  
623 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10022.

2. Names and business addresses of any persons through whom the undersigned proposes to act in matters included within the exemption provided by paragraph (b) of Rule U-71.

See attached Exhibit A.

3. Registered holding companies and subsidiary companies by which the undersigned is regularly employed or retained.

NiSource Inc. and its subsidiaries (including Columbia Energy Group and its subsidiaries).

4. Position or relationship in which the undersigned is employed or retained by each of the companies named in item 3, and brief description of nature of services to be rendered in each such position or relationship.

Legal counsel for certain corporate and securities matters, including matters before the Securities and Exchange Commission (including matters related to the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended) and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

5. (a) Compensation received during the current year and estimated to be received over the next two calendar years by the undersigned or others, directly or indirectly, for services rendered by the undersigned, from each of the companies designated in item 3. (Use column (a) as supplementary statement only.)

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Name of Recipient	Received	To be received	Person or Company from whom received
Schiff Hardin LLP	*** confidential treatment Requested	*** confidential treatment Requested	NiSource Inc., and its subsidiaries

(b) Basis for compensation if other than salary.

Hourly billing rates plus routine expenses.

6. (TO BE ANSWERED IN SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT ONLY. SEE INSTRUCTIONS.) Expenses incurred by the undersigned or any person named in item 2, above, during the calendar year in connection with the activities described in item 4, above, and the source or sources of reimbursement for same.

(a) Total amount of routine expenses charged to client:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Itemized list of all other expenses:

No other expenses.

SCHIFF HARDIN LLP

Date: June 4, 2004

/s/ Scott E. Pickens

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Scott E. Pickens

EXHIBIT A

Names of persons through whom Schiff Hardin LLP may act in matters included within the exemption provided by paragraph (b) of Rule 71:

Peter V. Fazio, Jr.*	Larry Jacobson	David S. McCarthy
Larry C. Bachman	Charlene Kelly	Richard T. Miller
Darren Baker	Andrew Klein**	Robert J. Minkus
Lauralyn G. Bengel	Gearold L. Knowles**	Debra A. Palmer**
Patricia Dondanville	Shirley Lukitsch**	Laura S. Pruitt**
Barbara K. Heffernan**	Neal A. Mancoff	Robert J. Regan
Allan Horwich	Paul C. Marengo	Jason L. Zgliniec

\* Mr. Fazio is also Executive Vice President and General Counsel of NiSource Inc.

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Other than those individuals indicated with (\*\*), the business address of each of the above is 6600 Sears Tower, Chicago, Illinois 60606. The business address of each of those individuals indicated with (\*\*) is 1101 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Suite 600, Washington, D.C. 20036.