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United States Securities and Exchange Commission Washington, DC 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): April 26, 2005

Commission file number <u>001-16189</u>

NiSource Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware 35-2108964

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

801 East 86th Avenue
Merrillville, Indiana

46410

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

(Zip Code)

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

ITEM 7.01. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

NiSource Inc. has received questions about its intentions with respect to future awards under its 1994 Long Term Incentive Plan, as currently proposed to be amended. After December 31, 2004, NiSource Inc. intends that, of the approximately 28 million shares that will be available for grant under the Plan if the currently proposed amendments are approved by the stockholders at the 2005 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, no more than 6 million shares will be awarded in the form of contingent or restricted stock, or performance units.

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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: April 26, 2005 By: /s/ Jeffrey W. Grossman

Jeffrey W. Grossman Vice President and Controller