

NISOURCE INC/DE  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HELMS CHRISTOPHER A			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 05/10/2005	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NISOURCE INC/DE [NI]
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
801 E 86TH AVENUE				5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)				
MERRILLVILLE, IN 46410-6272				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		

(Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer  Other  
 (give title below) (specify below)  
 President, Pipeline Group

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	20,000	D	

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

						(I)	
						(Instr. 5)	
Non Qualified Stock Options	04/01/2006	04/01/2015	Common Stock	28,571	\$ 22.91	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HELMS CHRISTOPHER A 801 E 86TH AVENUE MERRILLVILLE, IN 46410-6272	Â	Â	Â President, Pipeline Group	Â

## Signatures

Gary W. Pottorff, Power of Attorney for Christopher A. Helms 05/20/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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