

NISOURCE INC/DE  
Form 8-K  
May 23, 2008

**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): May 22, 2008  
NiSource Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)  
Commission file number 001-16189

Delaware

35-2108964

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

801 East 86th Avenue  
Merrillville, Indiana

46410

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions.

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4 (c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On May 22, 2008, NiSource Inc. (the Company ) was advised that its petition for appeal to the West Virginia Supreme Court in the case of Tawney, et al. v. Columbia Natural Resources, Inc. was refused. The Company's press release dated May 23, 2008 is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

| Exhibit | Description                      |
|---------|----------------------------------|
| 99.1    | Press Release dated May 23, 2008 |

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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: May 23, 2008

By: /s/ Michael W. O Donnell  
Michael W. O Donnell  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer, NiSource Inc.

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| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>               |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| 99.1               | Press Release dated May 23, 2008 |