NISOURCE INC/DE

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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 *

 SMITH STEPHEN P

801 E. 86TH AVENUE

(Last)

(City)

(Instr. 4)

1. Title of Security

(First)

(Street)

(Middle)

(Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

08/04/2008

NISOURCE INC/DE [NI]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer Other

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

Person

(give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One EVP & Chief Financial Officer Reporting Person

MERRILLVILLE, Â INÂ 46410

(State)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Ownership Form: Direct (D)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

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. 5. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security:

Security

6. Nature of Indirect Ownership Beneficial Ownership Form of (Instr. 5) Derivative

Expiration Date Exercisable Date

Amount or Number of Shares

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Direct (D)

Title

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
SMITH STEPHEN P 801 E. 86TH AVENUE MERRILLVILLE, IN 46410	Â	Â	EVP & Chief Financial Officer	Â	

Signatures

/s/ Gary W. Pottorff, attorney-in-fact for Stephen P. 08/08/2008 Smith

> **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
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(Instr. 5)9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 4)10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 4)11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 4)CodeV(A)(D)Date ExercisableExpiration DateTitleAmount or Number of Shares Nonstatutory Stock Option \$ 808/15/2007

1,20005/05/199905/05/2009 Class A Commoon Stock 1,200 \$ 8 0 D Nonstatutory Stock Option \$

1608/15/2007 M 80006/13/200606/13/2016 Class A Common Stock 800 \$ 16 1,200 D

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Trawick John Wayne P O BOX 8 ATMORE, AL 36502	X				
Signatures					

John Wayne 08/20/2007 **Trawick** **Signature of Date Reporting Person

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