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NISOURCE INC/DE Form 8-K July 12, 2011

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): July 12, 2011 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

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Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On July 12, 2011, Northern Indiana Public Service Company (Northern Indiana) reached a settlement in principle with the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor, NLMK Indiana f/k/a Beta Steel Corporation and the Indiana Municipal Utilities Group resolving all issues pending before the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) in Northern Indiana s electric rate case and filed notice thereof with the IURC. A Stipulation and Settlement Agreement which fully details the agreement of the parties is expected to be filed with the IURC next week. Northern Indiana is a wholly owned subsidiary of NiSource Inc. The full text of today s filing (Cause No. 43969) will be available on the IURC s Electronic Document System at https://myweb.in.gov/IURC/eds/.

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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: July 12, 2011 By: /s/ Robert E. Smith

Robert E. Smith Vice President and Deputy General Counsel