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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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Post-Effective Amendment No. 1
to
FORM U-1

APPLICATION OR DECLARATION
UNDER THE
PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING COMPANY ACT OF 1935

NiSource Inc.
NiSource Corporate Services Company
Northern Indiana Public Service Company
Kokomo Gas and Fuel Company
Northern Indiana Fuel and Light Company, Inc.
EnergyUSA, Inc. (an Indiana corporation)
EnergyUSA-TPC Corp.
EnergyUSA, Inc. (a Massachusetts corporation)
Primary Energy, Inc.
NiSource Capital Markets, Inc.
NiSource Finance Corp.
NiSource Development Company, Inc.
NI Energy Services, Inc.
NiSource Energy Technologies, Inc.
Columbia Energy Group
Columbia Assurance Agency, Inc.
Columbia Accounts Receivable Corporation
Columbia Atlantic Trading Corporation
Columbia Remainder Corporation
Columbia Energy Services Corporation
Columbia Insurance Corporation, Ltd.
Columbia Energy Power Marketing Corporation
Columbia Energy Retail Corporation
Columbia Service Partners, Inc.
801 East 86th Avenue
Merrillville, Indiana 46410-6272

Bay State Gas Company
Northern Utilities, Inc.
300 Friberg Parkway
Westborough, Massachusetts 01581-5039

Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.
Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.
Columbia Gas of Maryland, Inc.
Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.
Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc.
200 Civic Center Drive

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Columbus, Ohio 43215

Columbia Energy Resources, Inc.
Alamco-Delaware, Inc.
Hawg Hauling & Disposal, Inc.
Columbia Natural Resources Canada, Ltd.
Columbia Natural Resources, Inc.
900 Pennsylvania Avenue
Charleston, West Virginia 25302

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation
Columbia Transmission Communications Corporation
NiSource Pipeline Group, Inc.
Crossroads Pipeline Company
Columbia Pipeline Corporation
Columbia Energy Group Capital Corporation
Columbia Deep Water Services Company
12801 Fair Lakes Parkway
Fairfax, Virginia 22030-0146

Columbia Gulf Transmission Company
2603 Augusta, Suite 125
Houston, Texas 77057

(Names of companies filing this statement and addresses
of principal executive offices)

NISOURCE INC.

(Name of top registered holding company parent of each applicant or declarant)

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Merrillville, Indiana 46410-6272

(Name and address of agent for service)

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other communications to:

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1. Further Action Requested. By order dated December 19, 2001 (Holding Co.

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Act Release No. 27479) in this proceeding, NiSource Inc. ("NiSource"), a registered holding company, was authorized to establish and provide funding for a new system money pool arrangement ("Money Pool"). NiSource's subsidiaries named herein were authorized to participate in the Money Pool and, to the extent not exempt under Rules 45(b) and 52, to make short-term borrowings from NiSource and extend credit to each other through their participation in the Money Pool, except that, pending completion of the record, the Commission reserved jurisdiction over the participation in the Money Pool by two of NiSource's public-utility subsidiary companies, Bay State Gas Company ("Bay State") and Northern Utilities, Inc. ("Northern Utilities"). The record is now completed with respect to Bay State and Northern Utilities with the filing of the order of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and Energy approving Bay State's participation in the Money Pool (Exhibit D-2 hereto) and the order of the Maine Public Utility Commission approving Northern Utilities' participation in the Money Pool (Exhibit D-4 hereto).

Accordingly, the applicants respectfully request that the commission issue a supplemental order in this proceeding releasing jurisdiction reserved under the December 19, 2001 order.

2. Compliance with Rule 54. The requested release of jurisdiction is subject to Rule 54. Rule 54 provides that the Commission shall not consider the effect of the capitalization or earnings of subsidiaries of a registered holding company that are "exempt wholesale generators" ("EWGs") or "foreign utility companies" ("FUCOs") in determining whether to approve other transactions if Rule 53(a), (b) and (c) are satisfied. Under Rule 53(a), the Commission shall not make certain specified findings under Sections 7 and 12 in connection with a proposal by a holding company to issue securities for the purpose of acquiring the securities of or other interest in an EWG, or to guarantee the securities of an EWG, if each of the conditions in paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(4) thereof are met, provided that none of the conditions specified in paragraphs (b)(1) through (b)(3) of Rule 53 exists. The standards of Rules 53 and 54 are met.

Rule 53(a)(1): NiSource's "aggregate investment" in EWGs is approximately \$320.2 million, or 38.8% of NiSource's "consolidated retained earnings" for the four quarters ended March 31, 2002 (approximately \$825.85 million). NiSource does not hold any investment in a FUCO.

Rule 53(a)(2): NiSource will maintain books and records enabling it to identify investments in and earnings from each EWG and FUCO in which it directly or indirectly acquires and holds an interest. NiSource will cause each domestic EWG in which it acquires and holds an interest, and each foreign EWG and FUCO that is a majority-owned subsidiary, to maintain its books and records and prepare its financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). All of such books and records and financial statements will be made available to the Commission, in English, upon request.

Rule 53(a)(3): No more than 2% of the employees of NiSource's domestic utility subsidiaries will, at any one time, directly or indirectly, render services to EWGs and FUCOs.

Rule 53(a)(4): NiSource will submit a copy of each Application/Declaration that relates to investments in EWGs or FUCOs and each amendment thereto, and will submit copies of any Rule 24 certificates required

hereunder, as well as a copy of NiSource's Form U5S, to each of the public service commissions having jurisdiction over the retail rates of NiSource's

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domestic utility subsidiaries.

In addition, the applicants state that the provisions of Rule 53(a) are not made inapplicable to the authorization herein requested by reason of the occurrence or continuance of any of the circumstances specified in Rule 53(b). Rule 53(c) is inapplicable by its terms.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, each of the undersigned companies has duly caused this statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

NISOURCE INC.
NISOURCE CORPORATE SERVICES COMPANY
NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
KOKOMO GAS AND FUEL COMPANY
NORTHERN INDIANA FUEL AND LIGHT COMPANY, INC.
BAY STATE GAS COMPANY
NORTHERN UTILITIES, INC.
ENERGYUSA, INC. (A MASSACHUSETTS CORPORATION)
ENERGYUSA, INC. (AN INDIANA CORPORATION)
ENERGYUSA-TPC CORP.
NISOURCE CAPITAL MARKETS, INC.
NISOURCE FINANCE CORP.
NISOURCE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INC.
NI ENERGY SERVICES, INC.
NISOURCE ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
PRIMARY ENERGY, INC.
NISOURCE PIPELINE GROUP, INC.
CROSSROADS PIPELINE COMPANY
COLUMBIA ENERGY GROUP
COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.
COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO, INC.
COLUMBIA GAS OF MARYLAND, INC.
COLUMBIA GAS OF PENNSYLVANIA, INC.
COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC.
COLUMBIA PIPELINE CORPORATION
COLUMBIA ENERGY RESOURCES, INC.
COLUMBIA GULF TRANSMISSION COMPANY
COLUMBIA GAS TRANSMISSION CORPORATION
COLUMBIA TRANSMISSION COMMUNICATIONS
CORPORATION

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ALAMCO-DELAWARE, INC.
HAWG HAULING & DISPOSAL, INC.
COLUMBIA ASSURANCE AGENCY, INC.
COLUMBIA ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE CORPORATION
COLUMBIA ATLANTIC TRADING CORPORATION
COLUMBIA NATURAL RESOURCES CANADA, LTD.
COLUMBIA ENERGY GROUP CAPITAL CORPORATION
COLUMBIA DEEP WATER SERVICES COMPANY
COLUMBIA REMAINDER CORPORATION
COLUMBIA ENERGY SERVICES CORPORATION

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COLUMBIA NATURAL RESOURCES, INC.
COLUMBIA ENERGY POWER MARKETING CORPORATION
COLUMBIA ENERGY RETAIL CORPORATION
COLUMBIA SERVICE PARTNERS, INC.

By: /s/ Jeffrey W. Grossman

Name: Jeffrey W. Grossman
Title: Vice President

Date: June 3, 2002