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**NiSource unit Columbia Gulf accepting bids for capacity to  
Florida Gas Transmission**

HOUSTON – March 9, 2009 – To serve growing demand for natural gas from diverse supply areas to robust Southeastern markets, NiSource Gas Transmission & Storage (NGT&S) unit Columbia Gulf Transmission is holding an open season on capacity available to Florida Gas Transmission (FGT).

Columbia Gulf has 105,000 dekatherms of open capacity available for delivery to FGT near Lafayette, La., available for service on April 1, 2009. The open capacity is in addition to the 195,000 dth/day already subscribed, for a total capacity from Columbia Gulf to FGT of 300,000 dth/day.

“NiSource Gas Transmission & Storage is focused on connecting growing natural gas markets with access to diverse supply areas,” said John McNamara, vice president of Marketing and Origination. “With its connections to Gulf Coast Supply as well as Haynesville, Barnett, and Fayetteville Shale production, Columbia Gulf is well-positioned to provide premium takeaway market alternatives. The Southeastern U.S. continues to bring great value to the suppliers and shippers doing business on the Columbia Gulf system.”

The company is soliciting binding offers for firm contracts for transportation capacity from the Columbia Gulf Mainline rate zone near Delhi, La., and delivered to the FGT-Lafayette interconnect in Columbia Gulf’s onshore rate zone.

Interested parties must submit bids by March 18. More information is available on the NGT&S Navigates Web site at [www.ngtsnavigates.com](http://www.ngtsnavigates.com). Select ‘Info Post Application,’ then ‘Columbia Gulf Transmission,’ then ‘Notices’ or contact Joshua Gibbon ([jgibbon@nisource.com](mailto:jgibbon@nisource.com)) at (713) 267-4718, Pete Brastrom ([pbrastrom@nisource.com](mailto:pbrastrom@nisource.com)) at (713) 267-4735 or Beth Medlin ([bmedlin@nisource.com](mailto:bmedlin@nisource.com)) at (713) 267-4756.

As units of NiSource, Inc., the NGT&S companies include Central Kentucky Transmission, Columbia Gas Transmission, Columbia Gulf Transmission, Crossroads Pipeline, Hardy Storage and Millennium Pipeline. Combined, the companies operate about 15,000 miles of interstate natural gas pipeline and 37 storage fields, delivering over 1 trillion cubic feet of natural gas per year.

For more information about NiSource Gas Transmission & Storage, please visit [www.ngts.com](http://www.ngts.com).

#### **About NiSource**

NiSource Inc. (NYSE: NI), based in Merrillville, Ind., is a Fortune 500 company engaged in natural gas transmission, storage and distribution, as well as electric generation, transmission and distribution. NiSource operating companies deliver energy to more than 3.8 million customers located within the high-demand energy corridor stretching from the Gulf Coast through the Midwest to New England. Information about NiSource and its subsidiaries is available via the Internet at [www.nisource.com](http://www.nisource.com).

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