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NiSource Gas Transmission & Storage unit accepting bids for capacity into eastern markets

HOUSTON – March 23, 2009 – To meet the growing supply needs of the premium East Coast markets, NiSource Gas Transmission & Storage (NGT&S) unit Columbia Gas Transmission is holding a binding open season on capacity for several regional markets.

Columbia Gas Transmission is soliciting binding offers for transportation capacity resulting from modifications to the company's Easton compressor station. These modifications will increase delivery capacity from the Wagoner interconnection point between Columbia and Millennium pipelines on Columbia's Line 1278. Market areas to which the increased capacity will be directed are areas 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29 and/or 30. The amount of capacity available in any market area will depend on the bids received, and will affect the allocation of capacity.

"The eastern market area represents a growing demand that Columbia Gas Transmission will be better equipped to serve through the increased capacity of the Easton compressor station," said John McNamara, vice president of Marketing and Origination with NGT&S. "With cost-effective modifications such as those made at Easton, we are prepared to continue to meet the growing energy needs of the Northeast."

Interested parties must submit binding bids by April 3 at noon, CDT. More information is available on the NGT&S Navigates Web site at www.ngtsnavigates.com. Select 'Info Post Application,' then 'Columbia Gas Transmission,' then 'Notices' or contact Joshua Gibbon (jgibbon@nisource.com) at (713) 267-4718.

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.

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.

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