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## **FERC issues certificate for NiSource Gas Transmission & Storage unit Columbia Gas Transmission's Ohio Storage Expansion**

HOUSTON – March 25, 2009 – The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has issued a certificate authorizing Columbia Gas Transmission, a unit of NiSource Gas Transmission & Storage (NGT&S), to expand its Ohio storage facilities to meet growing demand for natural gas storage and transportation services in the company's Mid-Atlantic markets.

The Ohio Storage Expansion Project will increase Columbia Gas Transmission's storage capacity by 6.7 billion cubic feet and enhance daily deliverability from the Weaver and Crawford Storage fields by 100 million cubic feet per day. Construction will begin soon, with injections available April 1, 2009 and withdrawals available November 1, 2009.

The project will provide additional storage service to Washington Gas Light of 60,000 dekatherms per day of deliverability and four million dekatherms of storage capacity, or 58 percent of the expansion capacity. The remaining storage capacity will be offered to natural gas customers at market-based rates.

“With its approval of the Ohio Storage Project, the Commission recognizes the efforts of NiSource Gas Transmission & Storage to create additional storage capacity through creative and efficient means,” said Jimmy Thomas, NGT&S chief commercial officer. “The Ohio Storage Expansion Project is an example of our commitment to invest in strategic projects that provide incremental benefit to meet the needs of customers while generating long-term, sustainable growth for NiSource.”

The Ohio Storage Expansion involves new and enhanced facilities in Columbia Gas Transmission's Crawford and Weaver storage fields. Crawford Storage is about 45 miles south of Columbus, Weaver Storage is about 50 miles northeast of Columbus.

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At Crawford Field, Columbia Gas Transmission will drill 19 new storage wells, convert or perform other work on 23 existing wells and install about 13 miles of storage pipeline. At Weaver Field, Columbia Gas Transmission will install 4.1 miles of storage pipeline, replace 1.7 miles of existing pipeline, install additional metering and regulation stations and perform enhancement and deliverability work on 21 existing storage wells.

Ohio Storage is one of several expansion projects initiated by NGT&S in the past few years. Construction is concluding on Columbia Gas Transmission's Eastern Market Expansion project that adds storage and pipeline transportation capacity. Construction also is underway on Columbia Gas Transmission's Appalachian Expansion project, which will move incremental gas supplies from producing fields in southern West Virginia and eastern Kentucky beginning later this year. Construction was completed and gas began flowing on the Millennium Pipeline in late 2008 and Hardy Storage was put into service in 2007.

Added John McNamara, vice president of marketing and origination: "NiSource Gas Transmission & Storage is working with all segments of the industry -- producers, gatherers, local distribution companies, marketers and regulators -- to find creative solutions that remove capacity bottlenecks and deliver gas to markets at the lowest possible cost."

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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