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**NiSource unit Columbia Gulf Transmission accepting bids for capacity to Texas Eastern Transmission in St. Landry Parish, Louisiana**

**HOUSTON – August 28, 2009** – In preparation for the upcoming winter season, NiSource Gas Transmission & Storage (NGT&S) unit Columbia Gulf Transmission announces an open season to gauge interest in transportation capacity to be delivered to Texas Eastern Transmission, LP (Texas Eastern) in St. Landry Parish, Louisiana.

NGT&S is considering modifying or constructing new assets to facilitate the delivery of up to 176,000 Dth per day to Texas Eastern, with an anticipated in-service date of November 1, 2009. “This expansion builds upon Columbia Gulf’s strategy of continually modifying its system to ensure that it is offering its shippers access to a diverse array of supply sources as well as the highest-value markets in North America,” said John McNamara, vice president of Marketing and Origination.

Columbia Gulf is soliciting binding offers for firm transportation contracts sourced from receipt points located on the Columbia Gulf Mainline near Delhi, La., and delivered to the Texas Eastern St. Landry interconnect. A complete bid package is available on Navigates ([www.ngtsnavigates.com](http://www.ngtsnavigates.com)), Columbia Gulf’s electronic bulletin board.

To participate in Columbia Gulf’s open season, interested parties should submit a bid prior to noon CDT on Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2009. For more information, please contact Joshua Gibbon at (713) 267-4718 or at [jgibbon@nsource.com](mailto:jgibbon@nsource.com).

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).

**Forward-Looking Statements**

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