NISOURCE INC/DE Form 8-K May 23, 2008

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant To Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 22, 2008 NiSource Inc.

> (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) Commission file number 001-16189

Delaware 35-2108964

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

801 East 86th Avenue Merrillville, Indiana

46410

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code (877) 647-5990

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4 (c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On May 22, 2008, NiSource Inc. (the Company) was advised that its petition for appeal to the West Virginia Supreme Court in the case of Tawney, et al. v. Columbia Natural Resources, Inc. was refused. The Company s press release dated May 23, 2008 is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated May 23, 2008

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NiSource Inc. (Registrant)

Date: May 23, 2008 By: /s/ Michael W. O Donnell

Michael W. O Donnell Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, NiSource Inc.

Exhibit Index

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated May 23, 2008