

NISOURCE INC/DE  
Form 8-K  
May 15, 2012

**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 15, 2012**

**NiSource Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission file number 001-16189

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer)

35-2108964  
(I.R.S. Employer)

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(Incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

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**801 East 86th Avenue**

**Merrillville, Indiana**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**46410**

(Zip Code)

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions.

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- .. Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2 (b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4 (c))

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure**

On May 15, 2012, the NiSource Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing that the Board of Directors of the Company had approved an increase in the Company s quarterly cash dividend that will be declared in the second quarter of 2012. The Company s press release announcing the dividend increase is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth in such a filing.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) *Exhibits.*

**Exhibit**

| <b>Number</b> | <b>Description</b>                             |
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| 99.1          | NiSource Inc. press release dated May 15, 2012 |

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 15, 2012

By: /s/ Robert E. Smith  
Robert E. Smith  
Vice President and Assistant Corporate Secretary

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