

SKAGGS ROBERT C JR
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 SKAGGS ROBERT C JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 NISOURCE INC/DE [NI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 801 E 86TH AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/19/2010

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 President & CEO

MERRILLVILLE, IN 46410-6272
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 497,228 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 16,190.5692 | I | 401(k) Plan |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|-----|---|-----------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount Number of Shares |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 | 01/19/2010 | 01/19/2010 | A | | 1,970.834 | | <u>(1)</u> | <u>(1)</u> | Common Stock | 1,970.834 |
| Non Qualified Stock Options | \$ 25.94 | | | | | | | 01/01/2001 | 01/01/2011 | Common Stock | 15,000 |
| Non Qualified Stock Options | \$ 21.005 | | | | | | | 01/25/2002 | 01/25/2012 | Common Stock | 18,000 |
| Non Qualified Stock Options | \$ 19.84 | | | | | | | 01/01/2003 | 01/01/2013 | Common Stock | 27,000 |
| Non Qualified Stock Options | \$ 21.86 | | | | | | | 01/01/2005 | 01/01/2014 | Common Stock | 48,000 |
| Non Qualified Stock Options | \$ 22.62 | | | | | | | 01/03/2006 | 01/03/2015 | Common Stock | 171,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SKAGGS ROBERT C JR 801 E 86TH AVENUE MERRILLVILLE, IN 46410-6272 | X | | President & CEO | |

Signatures

Robert E. Smith, Attorney-in-fact for Robert C. Skaggs, Jr. 01/20/2010

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The phantom stock units represent dividend equivalents and are to be settled following the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service.

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