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Securities and Exchange Commission  
Judiciary Plaza  
450 Fifth Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20549

INTERIM REPORT UNDER RULE 24 OF THE  
PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING COMPANY ACT OF 1935  
NISOURCE INC.  
801 E. 86TH AVE.  
MERRILLVILLE, IN 46410

FILE NO. 70-10169

Gentlemen:

In compliance with the terms and conditions of Rule 24 under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, and the Order of the Commission dated December 30, 2003, authorizing the financing transactions and business activities as more fully described in the Joint Application/Declaration, as amended, in those proceedings, the undersigned hereby certifies to the Commission that, during the quarter ended March 31, 2004:

1. The sales of any common stock and the purchase price per share and the market price per share at the date of the agreement of sale

None

2. The total number of shares of common stock issued or issuable under options granted during the quarter under NiSource's benefit plans or otherwise

374,195

3. If common stock has been transferred to a seller of securities of a company being acquired, the number of shares so issued, the value per share and whether the shares are restricted to the acquiror

None

4. The amount and terms of any long-term debt, preferred stock, preferred securities, equity-linked securities or short-term debt issued directly or indirectly by NiSource

Please see Exhibit 1

5. The maximum outstanding amount of all borrowings under or investments in the money pool by each money pool participant during the quarter, and the rate or range of rates charged on money pool borrowings and paid on money pool investments

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6. The number of shares of common stock issued by Columbia to NiSource and the price per share paid

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None

7. The principal amount, interest rate and maturity of any long-term debt security issued by Columbia to NiSource Finance or other financing subsidiary of NiSource

None

8. The number of shares of common stock issued by Columbia Maryland to Columbia and the price per share paid

None

9. The principal amount, interest rate and maturity of any long-term debt security issued by Columbia Maryland to Columbia

None

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10. The amount and terms of any financings consummated by any non-utility subsidiary that are not exempt under Rule 52

None

11. The name of the guarantor and of the beneficiary of any parent guarantee or non-utility subsidiary guarantee issued, and the amount, terms and purpose of the guarantee

Please see Exhibit 3

12. The notional amount and principal terms of any interest rate hedge or anticipatory hedge entered into and identity of the parties to such instruments

None

13. The name, parent company, and amount invested in any new intermediate subsidiary or financing subsidiary

None

14. A list of Form U-6B-2 statements filed with the Commission, including the name of the filing entity and the date of the filing

None

15. Consolidated balance sheets as of the end of the quarter, and separate balance sheets as of the end of the quarter for each company, including NiSource and Columbia, that has engaged in authorized financing transactions during the quarter

Please see the attached Exhibits 4 through 14 for balance sheets for NiSource, Northern Indiana Public Service Company, Bay State Gas Company, Northern Utilities, Kokomo Gas and Fuel, Northern Indiana Fuel and Light, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Columbia Gas of Ohio, Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania Columbia Gas of Virginia and Columbia Gas of Maryland

Very truly yours,

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NiSource Inc.

By: /s/ Jeffrey W. Grossman

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 Jeffrey W. Grossman  
 Vice President

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EXHIBIT #1

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| COMPANY<br>-----       | AMOUNT ISSUED DURING<br>FIRST QUARTER OF 2004<br>----- | AMOUNT OUTSTANDING<br>MARCH 31, 2004<br>----- | TYPE OF DEBT<br>OR SECURITY<br>----- |
|------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| NiSource Finance Corp. | --   | 22,600,000                                    | Short-term Debt                      |
| NiSource Finance Corp. | --   | 5,945,000,000                                 | Long-term Debt                       |

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EXHIBIT #2

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| SUBSIDIARY (AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)<br>----- | MAXIMUM AMOUNT<br>OUTSTANDING DURING<br>FIRST QUARTER OF 2004<br>----- | MAXIMUM AMOUNT<br>INVESTED DURING<br>FIRST QUARTER OF 2004<br>----- |
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|   |         |          |
|---|---------|----------|
| Bay State Gas Company                         | 218,091 |          |
| Columbia Assurance Agency, Inc.               | N/A     | 3        |
| Columbia Accounts Receivable Corporation      | N/A     | 9,93     |
| Columbia Atlantic Trading Corporation         | N/A     | 3,96     |
| Columbia Deep Water Services Company          | 456     |          |
| Columbia Electric Corporation                 | N/A     | 6,69     |
| Columbia Energy Services Corporation          | 44,489  |          |
| Columbia Energy Group                         | N/A     | 512,61   |
| Columbia Gulf Transmission Company            | 12,036  | 7,19     |
| Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc.                | 20,863  | 29,95    |
| NiSource Insurance Corporation, Ltd.          | N/A     | 3        |
| Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.                | 4,020   | 36,23    |
| Columbia Gas of Maryland, Inc.                | 0       | 16,33    |
| CNS Microwave, Inc.                           | N/A     | 1,84     |
| Columbia Network Services Corporation         | N/A     | 3,14     |
| Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.                    | 194,840 | 81,42    |
| Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.            | 78,412  |          |
| Columbia Remainder Corporation                | 0       |          |
| Crossroads Pipeline                           | 14,972  |          |
| NiSource Corporate Services Company           | 69,495  |          |
| NiSource Development Company, Inc.            | 183,852 |          |
| EnergyUSA, Inc.                               | 36,620  |          |
| EnergyUSA, Inc. (MA)                          | 0       | 1,74     |
| Kokomo Gas and Fuel Company                   | 0       | 4,62     |
| NiSource Capital Markets. Inc.                | N/A     | 83       |
| NI Energy Services, Inc.                      | 49,484  |          |
| NiSource Energy Technologies, Inc.            | 21,694  |          |
| NiSource Finance Corp.                        | N/A     | 1,133,80 |
| NiSource Inc.                                 | N/A     | 54,91    |
| Northern Indiana Fuel and Light Company, Inc. | 0       | 13,54    |
| Northern Indiana Public Service Company       | 579,297 |          |
| Granite State Gas Transmission                | 8,411   |          |
| Northern Utilities, Inc.                      | 17,103  | 49       |
| Columbia Petroleum Corporation                | N/A     |          |
| PEI Holdings, Inc.                            | 117,606 |          |
| Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation         | 123,359 | 5,56     |
| EnergyUSA-TPC Corp.                           | 32,871  | 32,88    |

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EXHIBIT #3

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| GUARANTOR                         | SUBSIDIARY      | GUARANTEES<br>ISSUED DURING<br>1ST QUARTER 2004 | PURPOSE         |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---|-----------------|
| -----                             | -----           | -----   | -----           |
| NiSource/NiSource Capital Markets | EnergyUSA - TPC | 27,700,000                                      | Guarantee energ |

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| As of March 31, (in thousands)                             | 2004          |
|--|---------------|
| -----  | -----         |
| <b>ASSETS</b>  |               |
| <b>PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT:</b>                     |               |
| Utility plant  | \$ 16,054,027 |
| Accumulated depreciation and amortization                  | (7,162,926)   |
| Net Utility Plant  | 8,891,101     |
| Other property, at cost, less accumulated depreciation     | 465,879       |
| Net Property, Plant and Equipment                          | 9,356,980     |
| <b>INVESTMENTS:</b>  |               |
| Assets of discontinued operations and assets held for sale | 6,500         |
| Unconsolidated affiliates                                  | 91,934        |
| Other investments  | 72,622        |
| Total Investments  | 171,056       |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>                                     |               |
| Cash and cash equivalents                                  | 44,526        |
| Restricted cash  | 14,973        |
| Accounts receivable - less reserve                         | 730,997       |
| Unbilled revenue - less reserve                            | 230,506       |
| Gas inventory  | 77,545        |
| Underrecovered gas and fuel costs                          | 165,927       |
| Material and supplies, at average cost                     | 70,906        |
| Electric production fuel, at average cost                  | 31,136        |
| Price risk management asset                                | 82,830        |
| Exchange gas receivable                                    | 173,901       |
| Regulatory assets  | 112,602       |
| Prepayments and other                                      | 96,825        |
| Total Current Assets                                       | 1,832,674     |
| <b>OTHER ASSETS:</b>                                       |               |
| Price risk asset long term                                 | 153,945       |
| Regulatory assets  | 584,807       |
| Goodwill   | 3,704,025     |
| Intangible assets  | 523,685       |
| Deferred charges and other                                 | 148,260       |
|  | -----         |

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|--------------------|---------------|
| Total Other Assets | 5,114,722     |
|                    | -----         |
| TOTAL ASSETS       | \$ 16,475,432 |
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| As of March 31, (in thousands)                                   | 2004       |
| -----  | -----      |
| CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES                                   |            |
| CAPITALIZATION:  |            |
| Common Stock Equity  |            |
| Preferred Stocks -   | 4,526,444  |
| Subsidiary Companies   |            |
| Series without mandatory redemption provisions                   | 81,114     |
| Long-term debt, excluding amounts due within one year            | 5,945,074  |
|  | -----      |
| Total Capitalization   | 10,552,632 |
|  | -----      |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES:   |            |
| Current portion of long-term debt                                | 117,089    |
| Short-term borrowings  | 222,600    |
| Accounts payable   | 426,240    |
| Dividends declared on common and preferred stocks                | 61,666     |
| Customer deposits  | 83,195     |
| Taxes accrued  | 379,302    |
| Interest accrued   | 138,446    |
| Overrecovered gas and fuel costs                                 | 53,026     |
| Price risk management liabilities                                | 30,206     |
| Exchange gas payable   | 245,452    |
| Current deferred revenue   | 25,421     |
| Regulatory liabilities   | 68,403     |
| Accrued liability for postretirement and pension benefits        | 71,050     |
| Other accruals   | 426,323    |
|  | -----      |
| Total current liabilities  | 2,348,419  |
|  | -----      |
| OTHER:   |            |
| Price risk management liabilities                                | 6,037      |
| Deferred income taxes  | 1,612,488  |
| Deferred investment tax credits                                  | 85,089     |
| Deferred credits   | 57,892     |
| Non-current deferred revenue                                     | 107,281    |
| Accrued liability for postretirement and pension benefits        | 404,734    |
| Preferred stock liabilities with mandatory redemption provisions | 2,438      |
| Regulatory liabilities and other removal costs                   | 1,081,809  |
| Other noncurrent liabilities                                     | 216,613    |
|  | -----      |

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|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Total other                          | 3,574,381     |
|                                      | -----         |
| TOTAL CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES | \$ 16,475,432 |
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EXHIBIT #5

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|--|--------------|
| As of March 31, (in thousands)                     | 2004         |
| -----  | -----        |
| ASSETS   |              |
| PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT:                    |              |
| Utility plant                                      | \$ 6,669,634 |
| Accumulated depreciation and amortization          | (3,121,700)  |
|  | -----        |
| Net Utility Plant                                  | 3,547,934    |
|  | -----        |
| OTHER PROPERTY AND INVESTMENTS                     | 2,350        |
|  | -----        |
| CURRENT ASSETS:                                    |              |
| Cash and cash equivalents                          | 8,323        |
| Restricted cash                                    | 1,709        |
| Accounts receivable - less reserve                 | 53,843       |
| Unbilled revenue - less reserve                    | 40,936       |
| Material and supplies, at average cost             | 43,962       |
| Electric production fuel, at average cost          | 31,137       |
| Natural gas in storage, at last in, first-out cost | 22,314       |
| Price risk management assets                       | 2,601        |
| Regulatory assets                                  | 13,164       |
| Prepayments and other                              | 59,207       |
|  | -----        |
| Total Current Assets                               | 277,196      |
|  | -----        |
| OTHER ASSETS:                                      |              |
| Regulatory assets                                  | 206,546      |
| Intangible assets                                  | 25,161       |
| Prepayments and other                              | 5,877        |
|  | -----        |
| Total Other Assets                                 | 237,584      |
|  | -----        |
| TOTAL ASSETS                                       | \$ 4,065,064 |
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| -----  | 2004<br>----- |
|--|---------------|
| CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES                                   |               |
| CAPITALIZATION:  |               |
| Common shareholder's equity                                      | \$ 1,026,975  |
| Preferred Stocks -   |               |
| Series without mandatory redemption provisions                   | 81,114        |
| Long-term debt, excluding amount due within one year             | 571,020       |
|  | -----         |
| Total Capitalization   | 1,679,109     |
|  | -----         |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES:   |               |
| Current portion of long-term debt                                | 32,000        |
| Short-term borrowings  | 465,674       |
| Accounts payable   | 98,141        |
| Dividends declared on common and preferred stock                 | 1,093         |
| Customer deposits  | 52,899        |
| Taxes accrued  | 151,157       |
| Interest accrued   | 7,587         |
| Overrecovered gas and fuel costs                                 | 35,462        |
| Price risk management liabilities                                | 439           |
| Accrued liability for postretirement and pension benefits        | 23,027        |
| Other accruals   | 56,318        |
|  | -----         |
| Total current liabilities  | 923,797       |
|  | -----         |
| OTHER:   |               |
| Deferred income taxes  | 457,033       |
| Deferred investment tax credits                                  | 55,468        |
| Deferred credits   | 19,059        |
| Accrued liability for postretirement and pension benefits        | 222,954       |
| Preferred stock liabilities with mandatory redemption provisions | 2,438         |
| Regulatory liabilities and other removal costs                   | 677,900       |
| Other noncurrent liabilities                                     | 27,306        |
|  | -----         |
| Total other  | 1,462,158     |
|  | -----         |
| TOTAL CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES                             | \$ 4,065,064  |
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EXHIBIT #6

BAY STATE GAS COMPANY  
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| As of March 31, (in thousands)            | 2004         |
| -----                                     | -----        |
| ASSETS                                    |              |
| PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT:           |              |
| Utility plant                             | \$ 928,813   |
| Accumulated depreciation and amortization | (246,252)    |
|   | -----        |
| Net Utility Plant                         | 682,561      |
|   | -----        |
| OTHER PROPERTY AND INVESTMENTS            | 1,978        |
|   | -----        |
| INVESTMENTS:                              |              |
| Unconsolidated affiliates                 | 34           |
|   | -----        |
| Total Investments                         | 34           |
|   | -----        |
| CURRENT ASSETS:                           |              |
| Cash and cash equivalents                 | 7,193        |
| Restricted cash                           | 519          |
| Accounts receivable - less reserve        | 111,863      |
| Unbilled revenue - less reserve           | 42,124       |
| Gas Inventory                             | 13,848       |
| Underrecovered gas and fuel costs         | 29,421       |
| Material and supplies, at average cost    | 4,107        |
| Price risk management asset               | 903          |
| Exchange gas receivable                   | 10,933       |
| Regulatory assets                         | 9,466        |
| Prepayments and other                     | 2,627        |
|   | -----        |
| Total Current Assets                      | 233,004      |
|   | -----        |
| OTHER ASSETS:                             |              |
| Price risk management asset               | 134          |
| Regulatory assets                         | 36,205       |
| Intangible assets                         | 470,839      |
| Deferred charges and other                | 13,808       |
|   | -----        |
| Total Other Assets                        | 520,986      |
|   | -----        |
| TOTAL ASSETS                              | \$ 1,438,563 |
|   | =====        |

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| As of March 31, (in thousands)                            | 2004                |
|---|---------------------|
| -----   | -----               |
| <b>CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES</b>                     |                     |
| <b>CAPITALIZATION:</b>                                    |                     |
| Common shareholder's equity                               | \$ 555,721          |
| Long-term debt excluding amt due within one year          | 173,500             |
|   | -----               |
| Total Capitalization                                      | 729,221             |
|   | -----               |
| <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>                               |                     |
| Current portion of long-term debt                         | 833                 |
| Short-term borrowings                                     | 186,783             |
| Accounts payable  | 41,344              |
| Customer deposits   | 4,194               |
| Taxes accrued   | 27,084              |
| Interest accrued  | 1,211               |
| Regulatory liabilities                                    | 2,276               |
| Other accruals  | 29,922              |
|   | -----               |
| Total current liabilities                                 | 293,647             |
|   | -----               |
| <b>OTHER:</b>   |                     |
| Deferred income taxes                                     | 292,053             |
| Deferred investment tax credits                           | 2,379               |
| Accrued liability for postretirement and pension benefits | 17,932              |
| Regulatory liabilities and other removal costs            | 92,821              |
| Other noncurrent liabilities                              | 10,510              |
|   | -----               |
| Total other   | 415,695             |
|   | -----               |
| <b>TOTAL CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES</b>               | <b>\$ 1,438,563</b> |
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EXHIBIT #7

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| As of March 31, (in thousands)            | 2004         |
|---|--------------|
| -----                                     | -----        |
| <b>ASSETS</b>                             |              |
| <b>PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT:</b>    |              |
| Utility plant                             | \$ 177,691   |
| Accumulated depreciation and amortization | (43,150)     |
|   | -----        |
| Net Utility Plant                         | 134,541      |
|   | -----        |
| <b>OTHER PROPERTY AND INVESTMENTS</b>     | <b>1,904</b> |
|   | -----        |

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INVESTMENTS:

|                           |       |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Unconsolidated affiliates | 2     |
|                           | ----- |
| Total Investments         | 2     |
|                           | ----- |

CURRENT ASSETS:

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Cash and cash equivalents              | 1,940  |
| Restricted cash                        | 519    |
| Accounts receivable - less reserve     | 20,428 |
| Unbilled revenue - less reserve        | 8,514  |
| Gas inventory                          | 712    |
| Underrecovered gas and fuel costs      | 2,248  |
| Material and supplies, at average cost | 603    |
| Price risk management asset            | 903    |
| Exchange gas receivable                | 10,045 |
| Regulatory assets                      | 222    |
| Prepayments and other                  | 299    |
|  | -----  |
| Total Current Assets                   | 46,433 |
|  | -----  |

OTHER ASSETS:

|                             |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| Price risk management asset | 134    |
| Regulatory assets           | 18,117 |
| Intangible assets           | 79,558 |
| Deferred charges and other  | 1,854  |
|                             | -----  |
| Total Other Assets          | 99,663 |
|                             | -----  |

|              |            |
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| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 282,543 |
|              | =====      |

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|                                | ----- |

CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES

CAPITALIZATION:

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Common shareholder's equity                      | \$ 119,220 |
| Long-term debt excluding amt due within one year | 65,000     |
|  | -----      |
| Total Capitalization                             | 184,220    |
|  | -----      |

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

|                                   |       |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Current portion of long-term debt | 833   |
| Short-term borrowings             | 1,229 |
| Accounts payable                  | 9,408 |
| Customer deposits                 | 974   |

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|---|------------|
| Taxes accrued   | 1,550      |
| Interest accrued  | 242        |
| Regulatory liabilities                                    | 1,292      |
| Other accruals  | 7,419      |
|   | -----      |
| Total current liabilities                                 | 22,947     |
|   | -----      |
| OTHER:  |            |
| Deferred income taxes                                     | 53,540     |
| Deferred investment tax credits                           | 233        |
| Accrued liability for postretirement and pension benefits | 2,540      |
| Regulatory liabilities and other removal costs            | 13,085     |
| Other noncurrent liabilities                              | 5,978      |
|   | -----      |
| Total other   | 75,376     |
|   | -----      |
| TOTAL CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES                      | \$ 282,543 |
|   | =====      |

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EXHIBIT #8

KOKOMO GAS AND FUEL COMPANY  
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|---|-----------|
| As of March 31, (in thousands)            | 2004      |
| -----                                     | -----     |
| ASSETS                                    |           |
| PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT:           |           |
| Utility plant                             | \$ 56,451 |
| Accumulated depreciation and amortization | (33,039)  |
|   | -----     |
| Net Utility Plant                         | 23,412    |
|   | -----     |
| INVESTMENTS:                              |           |
| Unconsolidated affiliates                 | 5         |
|   | -----     |
| Total Investments                         | 5         |
|   | -----     |
| CURRENT ASSETS:                           |           |
| Cash and cash equivalents                 | 748       |
| Accounts receivable - less reserve        | 10,461    |
| Unbilled revenue - less reserve           | 1,784     |
| Gas Inventory                             | 1,108     |
| Material and supplies, at average cost    | 316       |
| Prepayments and other                     | 40        |
|   | -----     |
| Total Current Assets                      | 14,457    |
|   | -----     |
| OTHER ASSETS:                             |           |
| Regulatory assets                         | 381       |
| Goodwill                                  | 16,439    |

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| Intangible assets   | 159       |
| Deferred charges and other                                | 181       |
|   | -----     |
| Total Other Assets  | 17,160    |
|   | -----     |
| TOTAL ASSETS  | \$ 55,034 |
|   | =====     |
| CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES                            |           |
| CAPITALIZATION:   |           |
| Common shareholder's equity                               | \$ 38,727 |
|   | -----     |
| Total Capitalization                                      | 38,727    |
|   | -----     |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES:                                      |           |
| Accounts payable  | 5,103     |
| Customer deposits   | 504       |
| Taxes accrued   | 1,597     |
| Interest accrued  | 151       |
| Overrecovered gas and fuel costs                          | 929       |
| Other accruals  | 1,609     |
|   | -----     |
| Total current liabilities                                 | 9,893     |
|   | -----     |
| OTHER:  |           |
| Deferred income taxes                                     | 3,332     |
| Deferred investment tax credits                           | 420       |
| Accrued liability for postretirement and pension benefits | 1,181     |
| Regulatory liabilities and other removal costs            | 1,477     |
| Other noncurrent liabilities                              | 4         |
|   | -----     |
| Total other   | 6,414     |
|   | -----     |
| TOTAL CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES                      | \$ 55,034 |
|   | =====     |

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EXHIBIT #9

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|---|-----------|
| As of March 31, (in thousands)            | 2004      |
| -----                                     | -----     |
| ASSETS                                    |           |
| PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT:           |           |
| Utility plant                             | \$ 56,956 |
| Accumulated depreciation and amortization | (23,976)  |
|   | -----     |
| Net Utility Plant                         | 32,980    |
|   | -----     |

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|---|-----------|
| OTHER PROPERTY AND INVESTMENTS                            | 592       |
| <hr/>   |           |
| CURRENT ASSETS:   |           |
| Cash and cash equivalents                                 | 469       |
| Accounts receivable - less reserve                        | 19,941    |
| Unbilled revenue - less reserve                           | 1,877     |
| Gas inventory   | 475       |
| Underrecovered gas and fuel costs                         | 1,764     |
| Material and supplies, at average cost                    | 303       |
| Prepayments and other                                     | 92        |
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| Total Current Assets                                      | 24,921    |
| <hr/>   |           |
| OTHER ASSETS:   |           |
| Regulatory assets   | 87        |
| Goodwill  | 13,307    |
| Intangible assets   | 591       |
| Deferred charges and other                                | 1,456     |
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| Total Other Assets  | 15,441    |
| <hr/>   |           |
| TOTAL ASSETS  | \$ 73,934 |
| <hr/>   |           |
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| CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES                            |           |
| CAPITALIZATION:   |           |
| Common shareholder's equity                               | \$ 51,246 |
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| Total Capitalization                                      | 51,246    |
| <hr/>   |           |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES:                                      |           |
| Accounts payable  | 5,266     |
| Customer deposits   | 232       |
| Taxes accrued   | 2,201     |
| Interest accrued  | 32        |
| Other accruals  | 757       |
| <hr/>   |           |
| Total current liabilities                                 | 8,488     |
| <hr/>   |           |
| OTHER:  |           |
| Deferred income taxes                                     | 5,512     |
| Deferred investment tax credits                           | 266       |
| Accrued liability for postretirement and pension benefits | 7,213     |
| Regulatory liabilities and other removal costs            | 1,000     |
| Other noncurrent liabilities                              | 209       |
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| Total other   | 14,200    |
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| TOTAL CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES                      | \$ 73,934 |
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| -----                                     |            |
| ASSETS                                    |            |
| PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT:           |            |
| Utility plant                             | \$ 239,330 |
| Accumulated depreciation and amortization | (86,912)   |
|   | -----      |
| Net Utility Plant                         | 152,418    |
|   | -----      |
| CURRENT ASSETS:                           |            |
| Cash and cash equivalents                 | 836        |
| Accounts receivable - less reserve        | 52,041     |
| Unbilled revenue - less reserve           | 6,730      |
| Gas inventory                             | 1,393      |
| Underrecovered gas and fuel costs         | 9,642      |
| Material and supplies, at average cost    | 94         |
| Exchange gas receivable                   | 409        |
| Regulatory assets                         | 720        |
| Prepayments and other                     | 1,455      |
|   | -----      |
| Total Current Assets                      | 73,320     |
|   | -----      |
| OTHER ASSETS:                             |            |
| Regulatory assets                         | 2,834      |
| Deferred charges and other                | 486        |
|   | -----      |
| Total Other Assets                        | 3,320      |
|   | -----      |
| TOTAL ASSETS                              | \$ 229,058 |
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EXHIBIT #10

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|--|-----------|
| -----  |           |
| CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES                   |           |
| CAPITALIZATION:                                  |           |
| Common shareholder's equity                      | \$ 85,175 |
| Long-term debt excluding amt due within one year | 42,140    |
|  | -----     |
| Total Capitalization                             | 127,315   |
|  | -----     |

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| CURRENT LIABILITIES:                                      |            |
| Current portion of long-term debt                         | 32         |
| Accounts payable  | 18,047     |
| Customer deposits   | 2,758      |
| Taxes accrued   | 6,214      |
| Interest accrued  | 43         |
| Exchange gas payable                                      | 7,451      |
| Accrued liability for postretirement and pension benefits | 361        |
| Other accruals  | 22,065     |
|   | -----      |
| Total current liabilities                                 | 56,971     |
|   | -----      |
| Other:  |            |
| Deferred income taxes                                     | 14,934     |
| Deferred investment tax credits                           | 1,185      |
| Accrued liability for postretirement and pension benefits | 1,474      |
| Regulatory liabilities and other removal costs            | 26,188     |
| Other noncurrent liabilities                              | 991        |
|   | -----      |
| Total other   | 44,772     |
|   | -----      |
| TOTAL CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES                      | \$ 229,058 |
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EXHIBIT #11

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|---|--------------|
| As of March 31, (in thousands)            | 2004         |
| -----                                     | -----        |
| ASSETS                                    |              |
| PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT:           |              |
| Utility plant                             | \$ 1,584,870 |
| Accumulated depreciation and amortization | (552,463)    |
|   | -----        |
| Net Utility Plant                         | 1,032,407    |
|   | -----        |
| OTHER PROPERTY AND INVESTMENTS            |              |
|   | 1,270        |
|   | -----        |
| CURRENT ASSETS:                           |              |
| Cash and cash equivalents                 | 7,764        |
| Accounts receivable - less reserve        | 194,224      |
| Unbilled revenue - less reserve           | 80,879       |
| Gas inventory                             | 18,485       |
| Underrecovered gas and fuel costs         | 92,753       |
| Material and supplies, at average cost    | 1,992        |
| Exchange gas receivable                   | 74,757       |
| Regulatory assets                         | 68,038       |
| Prepayments and other                     | 18,697       |



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|----------------------------|--------------|
| Total Current Assets       | 557,589      |
| -----                      |              |
| OTHER ASSETS:              |              |
| Regulatory assets          | 222,235      |
| Intangible assets          | 318          |
| Deferred charges and other | 74,778       |
| -----                      |              |
| Total Other Assets         | 297,331      |
| -----                      |              |
| TOTAL ASSETS               | \$ 1,888,597 |
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|---|------------|
| As of March 31, (in thousands)                            | 2004       |
| -----   |            |
| CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES                            |            |
| CAPITALIZATION:   |            |
| Common shareholder's equity                               | \$ 506,752 |
| Long-term debt excluding amt due within one year          | 306,769    |
| -----   |            |
| Total Capitalization                                      | 813,521    |
| -----   |            |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES:                                      |            |
| Current portion of long-term debt                         | 235        |
| Short-term borrowings                                     | 53,668     |
| Accounts payable  | 150,047    |
| Customer deposits   | 13,222     |
| Taxes accrued   | 68,634     |
| Interest accrued  | 956        |
| Price risk management liabilities                         | 1,037      |
| Exchange gas payable                                      | 119,875    |
| Current deferred revenue                                  | 1,635      |
| Regulatory liabilities                                    | 64,296     |
| Accrued liability for postretirement and pension benefits | 7,583      |
| Other accruals  | 175,596    |
| -----   |            |
| Total current liabilities                                 | 656,784    |
| -----   |            |
| OTHER:  |            |
| Deferred income taxes                                     | 161,481    |
| Deferred investment tax credits                           | 14,882     |
| Accrued liability for postretirement and pension benefits | 45,312     |
| Regulatory liabilities and other removal costs            | 142,987    |
| Other noncurrent liabilities                              | 53,631     |
| -----   |            |

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|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Total other                          | 418,293      |
|                                      | -----        |
| TOTAL CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES | \$ 1,888,598 |
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|---|------------|
| As of March 31, (in thousands)            | 2004       |
| -----                                     | -----      |
| ASSETS                                    |            |
| PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT:           |            |
| Utility plant                             | \$ 686,312 |
| Accumulated depreciation and amortization | (234,639)  |
|   | -----      |
| Net Utility Plant                         | 451,673    |
|   | -----      |
| OTHER PROPERTY AND INVESTMENTS            | 8          |
|   | -----      |
| CURRENT ASSETS:                           |            |
| Cash and cash equivalents                 | 5,189      |
| Accounts receivable - less reserve        | 101,363    |
| Unbilled revenue - less reserve           | 36,444     |
| Gas inventory                             | 14,767     |
| Underrecovered gas and fuel costs         | 32,347     |
| Material and supplies, at average cost    | 557        |
| Exchange gas receivable                   | 31,192     |
| Regulatory assets                         | 4,226      |
| Prepayments and other                     | 1,387      |
|   | -----      |
| Total Current Assets                      | 227,472    |
|   | -----      |
| OTHER ASSETS:                             |            |
| Regulatory assets                         | 69,010     |
| Intangible assets                         | 36         |
| Deferred charges and other                | 1,996      |
|   | -----      |
| Total Other Assets                        | 71,042     |
|   | -----      |
| TOTAL ASSETS                              | \$ 750,195 |
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CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES

CAPITALIZATION:

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Common shareholder's equity                      | \$ 234,195 |
| Long-term debt excluding amt due within one year | 185,215    |

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| Total Capitalization | 419,410 |
|----------------------|---------|

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| Short-term borrowings                                     | 28,673 |
| Accounts payable  | 42,370 |
| Customer deposits   | 2,483  |
| Taxes accrued   | 11,516 |
| Interest accrued  | 22     |
| Price risk management liabilities                         | 393    |
| Exchange gas payable                                      | 24,451 |
| Accrued liability for postretirement and pension benefits | 4,527  |
| Other accruals  | 71,374 |

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Total current liabilities | 185,809 |
|---------------------------|---------|

OTHER:

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Deferred income taxes                                     | 107,434 |
| Deferred investment tax credits                           | 7,055   |
| Accrued liability for postretirement and pension benefits | 11,116  |
| Regulatory liabilities and other removal costs            | 9,712   |
| Other noncurrent liabilities                              | 9,659   |

|             |         |
|-------------|---------|
| Total other | 144,976 |
|-------------|---------|

|                                      |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| TOTAL CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES | \$ 750,195 |
|--------------------------------------|------------|

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COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA  
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|   |  |            |
|---|--|------------|
| -----   |  | -----      |
| ASSETS  |  |            |
| PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT:                           |  |            |
| Utility plant   |  | \$ 521,267 |
| Accumulated depreciation and amortization                 |  | (116,974)  |
|   |  | -----      |
| Net Utility Plant   |  | 404,293    |
|   |  | -----      |
| CURRENT ASSETS:   |  |            |
| Cash and cash equivalents                                 |  | 2,383      |
| Accounts receivable - less reserve                        |  | 68,643     |
| Unbilled revenue - less reserve                           |  | 16,287     |
| Gas inventory   |  | 3,108      |
| Material and supplies, at average cost                    |  | 1,309      |
| Exchange gas receivable                                   |  | 102        |
| Regulatory assets   |  | 234        |
| Prepayments and other                                     |  | 4,776      |
|   |  | -----      |
| Total Current Assets                                      |  | 96,842     |
|   |  | -----      |
| OTHER ASSETS:   |  |            |
| Regulatory assets   |  | 7,676      |
| Intangible assets   |  | 40         |
| Deferred charges and other                                |  | 9,092      |
|   |  | -----      |
| Total Other Assets  |  | 16,808     |
|   |  | -----      |
| TOTAL ASSETS  |  | \$ 517,943 |
|   |  | =====      |
| CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES                            |  |            |
| CAPITALIZATION:   |  |            |
| Common shareholder's equity                               |  | \$ 206,213 |
| Long-term debt excluding amt due within one year          |  | 130,175    |
|   |  | -----      |
| Total Capitalization                                      |  | 336,388    |
|   |  | -----      |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES:                                      |  |            |
| Accounts payable  |  | 30,225     |
| Customer deposits   |  | 6,388      |
| Taxes accrued   |  | 12,769     |
| Interest accrued  |  | 63         |
| Overrecovered gas and fuel costs                          |  | 11,460     |
| Exchange gas payable                                      |  | 6,143      |
| Regulatory liabilities                                    |  | 96         |
| Accrued liability for postretirement and pension benefits |  | 2,434      |
| Other accruals  |  | 20,844     |
|   |  | -----      |
| Total current liabilities                                 |  | 90,422     |
|   |  | -----      |
| OTHER:  |  |            |
| Deferred income taxes                                     |  | 38,099     |
| Deferred investment tax credits                           |  | 1,892      |
| Accrued liability for postretirement and pension benefits |  | 5,383      |
| Regulatory liabilities and other removal costs            |  | 20,916     |
| Other noncurrent liabilities                              |  | 24,843     |
|   |  | -----      |
| Total other   |  | 91,133     |
|   |  | -----      |
| TOTAL CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES                      |  | \$ 517,943 |
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COLUMBIA GAS OF MARYLAND  
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|--|-----------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                    |           |
| <b>PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT:</b>           |           |
| Utility plant                                    | \$ 86,123 |
| Accumulated depreciation and amortization        | (26,151)  |
| Net Utility Plant                                | 59,972    |
| <b>OTHER PROPERTY AND INVESTMENTS</b>            |           |
|  | 1         |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>                           |           |
| Cash and cash equivalents                        | 504       |
| Accounts receivable - less reserve               | 22,272    |
| Unbilled revenue - less reserve                  | 3,293     |
| Gas inventory                                    | 486       |
| Material and supplies, at average cost           | 601       |
| Exchange gas receivable                          | 2         |
| Regulatory assets                                | 215       |
| Prepayments and other                            | 1,845     |
| Total Current Assets                             | 29,218    |
| <b>OTHER ASSETS:</b>                             |           |
| Regulatory assets                                | 1,761     |
| Deferred charges and other                       | 14        |
| Total Other Assets                               | 1,775     |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                              | \$ 90,966 |
| <b>CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES</b>            |           |
| <b>CAPITALIZATION:</b>                           |           |
| Common shareholder's equity                      | \$ 31,574 |
| Long-term debt excluding amt due within one year | 18,975    |
| Total Capitalization                             | 50,549    |
| <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>                      |           |
| Accounts payable                                 | 5,882     |
| Customer deposits                                | 455       |
| Taxes accrued                                    | 3,417     |
| Interest accrued                                 | 5         |

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| Overrecovered gas and fuel costs                          | 5,176     |
| Exchange gas payable                                      | 302       |
| Regulatory liabilities                                    | 5         |
| Accrued liability for postretirement and pension benefits | 411       |
| Other accruals  | 3,483     |
|   | -----     |
| Total current liabilities                                 | 19,136    |
|   | -----     |
| OTHER:  |           |
| Deferred income taxes                                     | 6,656     |
| Deferred investment tax credits                           | 686       |
| Accrued liability for postretirement and pension benefits | 1,266     |
| Regulatory liabilities and other removal costs            | 12,139    |
| Other noncurrent liabilities                              | 534       |
|   | -----     |
| Total other   | 21,281    |
|   | -----     |
| TOTAL CAPITALIZATION AND LIABILITIES                      | \$ 90,966 |
|   | =====     |