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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Addre MCCAUSL			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NISOURCE INC/DE [NI]							
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	(Month/Day/Year) 02/17/2006	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				
801 E 86TH A	VENUE						(
	(Street)			(Check all applicable)			6. Individual or Joint/Group				
MERRILLVIL	LE, IN 4	6410-6272		_X Director10%			Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - No	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned							
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)			2. Amount of Sec Beneficially Own (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Natu Owners (Instr. 5	*				
Common Stock			1,000		D	Â					
Reminder: Report of owned directly or in		ne for each cla	ss of securities beneficially	S	EC 1473 (7-02	2)					
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security: Security Direct (D) or Indirect (I)		

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MCCAUSLAND PETER 801 E 86TH AVENUE Â X Â Â MERRILLVILLE, INÂ 46410-6272

Signatures

Gary W. Pottorff, Power of Attorney 02/21/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
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