NISOURCE INC/DE Form 8-K July 14, 2017

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE DECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 10, 2017 NiSource Inc. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware 001-16189 35-2108964 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation) file number) Identification No.)

801 East

86th

Avenue 46410

Merrillville.

Indiana

(Address of

Principal (Zip

Executive Code)

Offices)

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:

- o 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)
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2 (b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4 (c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company o

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the

Exchange Act. "

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On July 10, 2017, the Board of Directors of NiSource Inc. ("NiSource") appointed Eric L. Butler as a director of NiSource for a term continuing until the 2018 annual meeting of the stockholders and until his successor has been duly elected or appointed and qualified. There is no arrangement or understanding between Mr. Butler and any other person pursuant to which he was selected as a director of NiSource. Mr. Butler does not have any direct or indirect material interest in any transaction or proposed transaction involving NiSource required to be reported under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K. As of the date hereof, the Board of Directors has not determined any committee appointments for Mr. Butler.

Consistent with NiSource's compensation practices for non-employee directors, Mr. Butler will receive an annualized retainer of \$220,000, consisting of \$90,000 in cash and an award of restricted stock units valued at \$130,000 at the time of the award.

On July 14, 2017, NiSource issued a press release announcing the appointment of Mr. Butler as a director of the company. A copy of that press release is filed as an exhibit to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits:

Exhibit Description

99.1 Press Release issued on July 14, 2017 by NiSource Inc.

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.

July 14, 2017 By:/s/ Carrie J. Hightman

Carrie J. Hightman

Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer

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