

Regional Office in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The New York Field Office is now open for business, however, admittance to the office, including for administrative hearings, must be approved in advance. The office is open to Federal employees with proper identification; non Federal employees must show identification and proof that they have an appointment. The address of the New York Field Office is: 26 Federal Plaza, Room 3137A, New York, New York 10278. The telephone number is (212) 264-9372 and the fax number is (212) 264-1417.

Dated: October 19, 2001.

Robert E. Taylor,
Clerk of the Board.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Subcommittee Meeting on Planning and Procedures; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Planning and Procedures will hold a meeting on November 7, 2001, Room T-2B1, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance, with the exception of a portion that may be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (2) and (6) to discuss organizational and personnel matters that relate solely to internal personnel rules and practices of ACRS, and information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Wednesday, November 7, 2001—3:00 p.m. until the conclusion of business.

The Subcommittee will discuss proposed ACRS activities and related matters. The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and to formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Oral statements may be presented by members of the public with the concurrence of the Subcommittee Chairman; written statements will be accepted and made available to the Committee. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public, and questions may be asked only by members of the Subcommittee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring

to make oral statements should notify the cognizant ACRS staff person named below five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, the scheduling of sessions open to the public, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements, and the time allotted therefor can be obtained by contacting the cognizant ACRS staff person, Howard J. Larson (telephone: 301/415-6805) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (EDT). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual one or two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any changes in schedule, etc., that may have occurred.

Dated: October 17, 2001.

Sher Bahadur,

Associate Director for Technical Support, ACRS/ACNW.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-27454]

Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as Amended ("Act")

October 19, 2001.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing(s) has/have been made with the Commission pursuant to provisions of the Act and rules promulgated under the Act. All interested persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transaction(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declaration(s) and any amendment(s) is/are available for public inspection through the Commission's Branch of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the application(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by November 13, 2001, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC 20549-0609, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/or declarant(s) at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in the case of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing should identify specifically the issues of facts or law that are disputed. A person

who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of any notice or order issued in the matter. After November 13, 2001, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

Holyoke Water Power Company (70-9943)

Holyoke Water Power Company ("HWP"), an electric utility company subsidiary of Northeast Utilities ("NU"), a registered holding company, and Holyoke Power and Electric Company ("HP&E"), a wholly owned subsidiary of HWP, both located at 1 Canal Street, Holyoke, Massachusetts 01040, have filed a declaration under section 12(d) and rules 44 and 54 under the Act.

HWP and HP&E seek authorization to sell to the City of Holyoke Gas and Electric Department ("HG&E") certain hydroelectric generating facilities, associated distribution assets, and other related assets. The sale is a result of both an agreement settling certain litigation between the applicants and HG&E and a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission hydroelectric plant relicensing proceeding. The assets consist of (i) the Holyoke Dam and related units; (ii) related inventory and units, including poles and wires; (iii) certain of HWP's properties in the city of Holyoke, along with certain properties in the cities of Chicopee and South Hadley, Massachusetts; (iv) contracts with all of HWP's retail customers; and (v) all millpowers, water exchange agreements, licenses, and other agreements related to the acquired assets (collectively, "HWP Assets"). The HWP Assets comprise between 78-80% of HWP's total assets and between 22-23% of HWP's total generating capacity. The sale will dispose of HWP's entire hydroelectric generating capacity. HG&E will also assume certain liabilities associated with the HWP Assets and reassume HWP's position as licensee for the hydroelectric facilities under a license issued by the Federal Regulatory Energy Commission ("FERC"). The license is subject to various FERC rehearing requests.

HG&E will pay HWP \$17.55 million, subject to closing adjustments, for the HWP Assets. Various FERC-jurisdictional transmission assets will be included with the HWP Assets and are the subject of various filings made by HWP with FERC.¹ HG&E will

¹ These filings include a request for approval for the transfer of a hydro license under Part I of the Federal Power Act, for the sale of the hydroelectric

continue to use the HWP Assets to generate electricity.

The net proceeds of the sale will be invested by HWP in the NU System Money Pool ("NU Money Pool")² and/or other short-term investments until later in 2001 when the proceeds will be paid to NU as a dividend or used to retire some of HWP's debt.

NiSource Inc., et al. (70-9945)

NiSource Inc. ("NiSource"), a registered holding company, its utility subsidiaries: Northern Indiana Public Service Company ("Northern Indiana"), Kokomo Gas and Fuel Company ("Kokomo"), Northern Indiana Fuel and Light Company ("NIFL"), all located at 801 East 86th Avenue, Merrillville, Indiana 46410-6272; Bay State Gas Company ("Bay State"), Northern Utilities, Inc. ("Northern Utilities"), both located at 300 Friberg Parkway, Westborough, Massachusetts 01581-5039; Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. ("Columbia Kentucky"), Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. ("Columbia Ohio"), Columbia Gas of Maryland, Inc. ("Columbia Maryland"), Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. ("Columbia Pennsylvania"), and Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. ("Columbia Virginia"), all located at 200 Civic Center Drive, Columbia, Ohio 43215; Columbia Energy Group ("Columbia"), a subsidiary registered holding company of NiSource, 801 East 86th Avenue, Merrillville, Indiana 46410-6272; and NiSource's nonutility subsidiaries: NiSource Corporate Services Company, EnergyUSA, Inc., (an Indiana corporation), EnergyUSA-TPC Corp., Energy USA, Inc. (a Massachusetts corporation), Primary Energy, Inc., NiSource Capital Markets, Inc. ("NiSource Capital"), NiSource Finance Corp. ("NiSource Finance"), NiSource Development Company, Inc., NI Energy Services, Inc., NiSource Energy Technologies, Inc., Columbia Assurance Agency, Inc., Columbia Accounts Receivable Corporation, Columbia Atlantic Trading Corporation, Columbia Electric Remainder Corporation, Columbia Energy Services Corporation, Columbia Insurance Corporation, Ltd., Columbia LNG Corporation, Columbia Energy Retail Marketing Corporation, Columbia Service Partners, Inc., all located at 801 East 86th Avenue, Merrillville, Indiana 46410-6272;

facilities and assignment of related agreements under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act, and for the modification or termination of certain power contracts by HWP under Section 205 of the Federal Power Act.

² The NU Money Pool was originally approved in SEC File No. 70-9755, HCAR No. 27328 (December 28, 2000).

Columbia Energy Resources, Inc., Alamco-Delaware, Inc., Hawg Hauling & Disposal, Inc., Columbia Natural Resources, Inc., all located at 900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Charleston, West Virginia 25302; Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation, Columbia Transmission Communications Corporation, NiSource Pipeline Group, Inc., Crossroads Pipeline Company, Columbia Pipeline Corporation, Columbia Energy Group Capital Corporation, Columbia Deep Water Services Company, all located at 12801 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22030-0146; IWC Resources Corporation, 1220 Waterway Boulevard, Indianapolis, Indiana 46202; SM&P Utility Resources, Inc., 11455 North Meridian Street, Suite 200, Carmel, Indiana 46032; and Columbia Gulf Transmission Company, 2603 Augusta, Suite 125, Houston, Texas 77057 (collectively "Applicants"), have filed an application-declaration under sections 6(a), 7, 9(a), 10, 12(b) and 12(f) of the Act and rules 45, 53 and 54 under the Act.

Applicants request authority to establish a new NiSource system money pool ("Money Pool") that will replace the current Columbia system money pool and, to the extent not exempted by rule 52, Applicants request authorization for the period through December 31, 2003 (the "Authorization Period") to make unsecured short-term borrowings from the Money Pool, to contribute surplus funds to the Money Pool, and to lend and extend credit to (and acquire promissory notes from) one another through the Money Pool. To the extent not exempted by rule 45(b) or rule 52(d), as applicable, NiSource, directly or indirectly through NiSource Finance, requests authorization to invest surplus funds and/or to lend and extend credit to the participating subsidiaries through the Money Pool.

In addition, Columbia Maryland requests authorization to issue additional shares of its common stock and long-term debt securities to Columbia from time to time during the Authorization Period in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$40 million.

NiSource Money Pool

NiSource, Columbia, NiSource Finance, and NiSource Capital will participate in the Money Pool as investors only and not as borrowers. Exempt wholesale generators ("EWGs"), foreign utility companies ("FUCOs"), and exempt telecommunications companies ("ETCs") will be specifically excluded from participating in the money Pool as borrowers.

Under the proposed terms of the Money Pool Agreement, short-term funds would be available from the following sources for short-term loans to the participating subsidiaries from time to time: (1) Surplus funds in the treasuries of Money Pool participants, and (2) proceeds received by NiSource Finance from the sale of commercial paper, borrowings from banks and other lenders, and other financing arrangements ("External Funds"), as authorized by order of the Commission dated November 1, 2000 (HCAR No. 27265). Funds would be made available from these sources in the order NiSource Corporation Services Company, as the Administrative Agent, may determine would result in a lower cost of borrowing, consistent with the individual borrowing needs and financial standing of Money Pool participants that invest funds in the Money Pool. The Commission is requested to reserve jurisdiction over the participation as a borrower of any other direct or indirect, current or future, non-utility subsidiary of NiSource.

Proceeds of any short-term borrowings from the Money Pool may be used by a participant (i) for the interim financing of its construction and capital expenditure programs; (ii) for its working capital needs; (iii) for the repayment, redemption or refinancing of its debt and preferred stock; (iv) to meet unexpected contingencies, payment and timing differences, and cash requirements; and (v) to otherwise finance its own business and for other lawful general corporate purposes.

The utility subsidiaries (other than Columbia Virginia)³ request authority to make borrowings through the Money Pool in the following maximum amounts at any time outstanding:

Northern Indiana	\$1,000,000,000
Kokomo	50,000,000
NIFL	50,000,000
Bay State	250,000,000
Northern Utilities ⁴	50,000,000
Columbia Ohio	700,000,000
Columbia Kentucky	80,000,000
Columbia Pennsylvania ...	300,000,000
Columbia Maryland	50,000,000

Borrowing under the Money Pool by participating subsidiaries that are authorized to borrow, other than the utility subsidiaries, will be exempt pursuant to Rule 52(b).

³ Borrowings under the Money Pool by Columbia Virginia will be exempt under rule 52(a).

⁴ Any borrowings by Northern Utilities under the Money Pool that are in excess of 10% of its net fixed plant must be approved by the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission and, therefore, would be exempt under rule 52(a).

Long-Term Securities of Columbia Maryland

Columbia Maryland requests authorization to issue and sell from time to time during the Authorization Period, and Columbia requests authorization to acquire, additional shares of Columbia Maryland's common stock and long-term debt securities. The aggregate amount of common stock and/or long-term debt securities to be issued by Columbia Maryland during the Authorization Period will not to exceed \$40 million. The funds required by Columbia in order to make loans to Columbia Maryland will be derived from borrowings from NiSource Finance.

The interest rate on long-term debt securities issued by Columbia Maryland to Columbia will be designed to match the interest rate on borrowings made by Columbia from NiSource Finance in order to fund the purchase of such long-term securities, which, in turn, will be equal to the effective rate (i.e., interest rate plus issuance costs) for the most recent long-term debt securities issued by NiSource finance during the previous calendar quarter. If no such long-term debt securities were issued by NiSource finance during the previous calendar quarter, then the interest rate on long-term debt securities issued by Columbia Maryland to Columbia will be either the estimated new long-term rate that would be in effect if NiSource Finance were to issue long-term debt securities, as projected by a major investment bank, or the prevailing market rate for a newly issued "BBB"-rated utility bond. Long-term notes issued by Columbia Maryland to Columbia may have maturities of up to 30 years and may be either secured or unsecured.

NiSource commits to maintain common equity of Columbia Maryland, as a percentage of Columbia Maryland's consolidated capitalization (including short-term debt), at or above 30%.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, pursuant to delegated authority.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 25216; 812-12608]

WNC Housing Tax Credit Fund VI, L.P., Series 9 and Series 10, and WNC & Associates, Inc.; Notice of Application

October 19, 2001.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission").

ACTION: Notice of an application for an order under sections 6(c) and 6(e) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") granting relief from all provisions of the Act, except sections 37 through 53 of the Act and the rules and regulations under those sections.

Applicants: WNC Housing Tax Credit Fund VI, L.P., Series 9 and WNC Housing Tax Credit Fund VI, L.P., Series 10 (each a "Series," and collectively, the "Fund"), and WNC & Associates, Inc. (the "General Partner").

Summary of the Application: Applicants request an order to permit each Series to invest in limited partnerships that engage in the ownership and operation of apartment complexes for low and moderate income persons.

Filing Date: The application was filed on August 17, 2001. Applicants have agreed to file an amendment to the application, the substance of which is reflected in this notice, during the notice period.

Hearing or Notification of Hearing: An order granting the application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the SEC's Secretary and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on November 9, 2001, and should be accompanied by proof of service on applicants in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons may request notification by writing to the SEC's Secretary.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, SEC, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. Applicants, 3158 Redhill Avenue, Suite 120, Costa Mesa, California 92626-3416.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bruce R. MacNeil, Senior Counsel, (202) 942-0634, or Mary Kay Frech, Branch Chief, (202) 942-0564 (Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained for a fee from the SEC's Public Reference Branch, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0102 (Telephone (202) 942-8090).

Applicants' Representations

1. Each Series was formed in 2001 as a California limited partnership. Each Series will operate as a "two-tier" partnership, i.e., each Series will invest as a limited partner in other limited partnerships ("Local Limited Partnerships"). The Local Limited Partnerships in turn will engage in the ownership and operation of apartment complexes expected to be qualified for low income housing tax credit under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

2. The objectives of each Series are (a) to provide current tax benefits primarily in the form of low income housing credits which investors may use to offset their Federal income tax liabilities, (b) to preserve and protect capital, and (c) to provide cash distributions from sale or refinancing transactions.

3. On August 16, 2001, the Fund filed a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933, pursuant to which the Fund intends to offer publicly, in two series of offerings, 25,000 units of limited partnership interest ("Units") at \$1,000 per unit. The minimum investment will be five Units for most investors, although employees of the General Partner and its affiliates and/or investors in syndications previously sponsored by the General Partner may purchase a minimum of two Units. Purchasers of the Units will become limited partners ("Limited Partners") of the Series offering the Units.

4. A Series will not accept any subscriptions for Units until the requested exemptive order is granted or the Series receives an opinion of counsel that it is exempt from registration under the Act. Subscriptions for Units must be approved by the General Partner. Such approval will be conditioned upon representations as to suitability of the investment for each subscriber. The suitability standards provide, among other things, that investment in a Series is suitable only for an investor who either (a) has a net worth (exclusive of home, furnishings, and automobiles), of at least \$35,000 and an annual gross income of at least \$35,000, or (b) irrespective of annual income, has a net worth (exclusive of home, furnishings, and automobiles) of at least \$75,000.