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FORM U-12(I)-B (THREE-YEAR STATEMENT)  
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C.

Calendar Year 2000

FORM U-12(I)-B

STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(i) OF PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING COMPANY ACT OF  
1935 BY A PERSON EMPLOYED OR RETAINED BY A REGISTERED HOLDING COMPANY OR A  
SUBSIDIARY THEREOF AND  
WHOSE EMPLOYMENT CONTEMPLATES ONLY ROUTINE  
EXPENSES AS SPECIFIED IN RULE 71(b)

(To be filed in DUPLICATE. If acknowledgment is desired, file in triplicate)

1. Name and business address of person filing statement.

Rene P. Dartez  
PO Box 683  
Houston, TX 77001-0683

2. Names and business addresses of any persons through whom the undersigned proposes to act in matters included within the exemption provided by paragraph (b) of Rule U-71.

Columbia Gulf Transmission Company  
PO Box 683  
Houston, TX 77001-0683

3. Registered holding companies and subsidiary companies by which the undersigned is regularly employed or retained.

NiSource, Inc.  
Columbia Gulf Transmission Company

4. Position or relationship in which the undersigned is employed or retained by each of the companies named in item 3, and brief description of nature of services to be rendered in each such position or relationship.

Vice President Financial Planning and Budgeting

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5. (a) Compensation received during the current year and estimated to be received over the next two calendar years by the undersigned or others, directly or indirectly, for services rendered by the undersigned, from each of the companies designated in item 3. (Use column (a) as supplementary statement only.)

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Salary or other  
compensations  
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Name of recipient	received (a)	to be received (b)	Person or company from whom received or to be received
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Rene Dartez	confidential treatment requested		Columbia Gulf Transmission Co.
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(b) Basis for compensation if other than salary.

6. (To be answered in supplementary statement only. See instructions.) Expenses incurred by the undersigned or any person named in item 2, above, during the calendar year in connection with the activities described in item 4, above, and the source or sources of reimbursement for same.

(a) Total amount of routine expenses charged to client: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Itemized list of all other expenses:

Date: February 23, 2001

(Signed) /s/ Rene P. Dartez