

**APPENDIX D**

**NOTIFICATION FOR OPEN HOUSES/PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS**



## Open House

### **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Impact Statement**

### **Open House/Scoping Meeting for the NiSource Habitat Conservation Plan**

Date

Hotel

Address, City, State

4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate a proposed Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and application for an Incidental Take Permit (ITP) under the *Endangered Species Act*. The HCP is being developed by NiSource Inc., a natural gas distribution company, as it seeks an ITP for operating and maintaining its network of pipelines in 17 northeastern, midwest, and southeastern states.

The open house will provide information on the EIS and HCP/ITP processes. Representatives of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, NiSource, and their consultants will be available to answer questions, gather comments, and receive suggestions on scoping of the EIS.

#### **Further Information:**

For further information on the Project or the open houses, please go to:

[http://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/permits/hcp/hcp\\_nisource.html](http://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/permits/hcp/hcp_nisource.html), or contact:

Mr. Tom Magnuson at 612-713-5467 or [tom\\_magnuson@fws.gov](mailto:tom_magnuson@fws.gov), or

Mr. Forest Clark at 812-334-4261 ext. 206 or [forest\\_clark@fws.gov](mailto:forest_clark@fws.gov)

Comments and/or statements of concern can be submitted in writing before December 8, 2007, by:

U.S. Mail: Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Division of Ecological Services

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