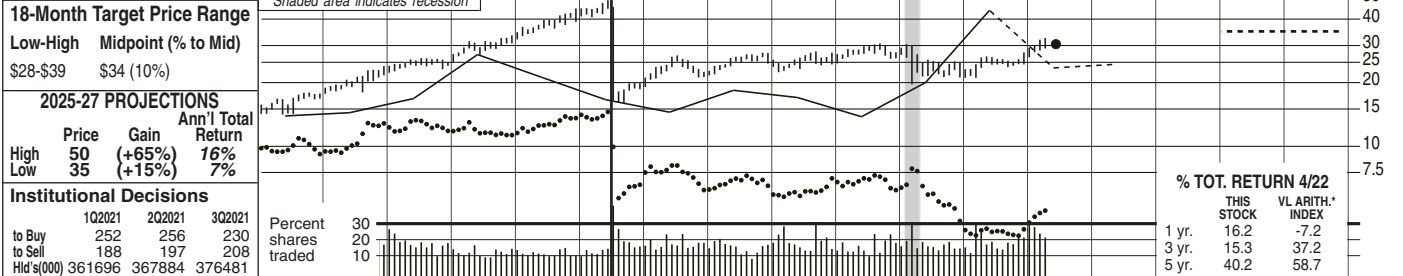


TIMELINESS 4 Raised 3/11/22	High: 24.0	26.2	33.5	44.9	49.2	26.9	27.8	28.1	30.7	30.5	27.8	32.6	Target Price Range 2025 2026 2027
SAFETY 3 Lowered 3/19/21	Low: 17.7	22.3	24.8	32.1	16.0	19.0	21.7	22.4	24.7	19.6	21.1	26.4	
TECHNICAL 2 Raised 5/13/22	LEGENDS 0.50 x Dividends p sh divided by Interest Rate ... Relative Price Strength Options: Yes Shaded area indicates recession												



18-Month Target Price Range																	© VALUE LINE PUB. LLC	25-27
Low-High Midpoint (% to Mid) \$28-\$39 \$34 (10%)																		
2025-27 PROJECTIONS																	% TOT. RETURN 4/22 THIS STOCK VL ARITH. INDEX 1 yr. 16.2 -7.2 3 yr. 15.3 37.2 5 yr. 40.2 58.7	
High	Price	Gain	Ann'l Total															
Low	50	(+65%)	16%															
	35	(+15%)	7%															
Institutional Decisions																		
102021 202021 302021 to Buy 252 256 230 to Sell 188 197 208 Hld's(000) 361696 367884 376481																		
Percent shares traded 30 20 10																		
2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	

27.37	28.96	32.36	24.02	22.99	21.33	16.31	18.04	20.47	14.58	13.90	14.46	13.74	13.63	11.95	12.09	13.85	14.70	Revenues per sh	17.55
3.18	3.20	3.32	2.96	3.19	2.98	3.13	3.41	3.60	2.27	2.71	2.07	2.86	3.17	3.15	3.26	3.20	3.50	"Cash Flow" per sh	4.35
1.14	1.14	1.34	.84	1.06	1.05	1.37	1.57	1.67	.63	1.00	.39	1.30	1.31	1.32	1.37	1.45	1.60	Earnings per sh A	2.30
.92	.92	.92	.92	.92	.92	.94	.98	1.02	.83	.64	.70	.78	.80	.84	.88	.94	.98	Div'd Decl'd per sh B	1.08
2.33	2.88	3.54	2.81	2.88	3.99	4.83	5.99	6.42	4.26	4.57	5.03	4.88	4.72	4.49	4.53	4.45	4.45	Cap'l Spending per sh	4.35
18.32	18.52	17.24	17.54	17.63	17.71	17.90	18.77	19.54	12.04	12.60	12.82	13.08	13.36	12.66	13.33	13.80	14.35	Book Value per sh C	17.40
273.65	274.18	274.26	276.79	279.30	282.18	310.28	313.68	316.04	319.11	323.16	337.02	372.36	382.14	391.76	404.30	405.00	405.00	Common Shs Outst'g D	415.00
19.2	18.8	12.1	14.3	15.3	19.4	17.9	18.9	22.7	37.3	23.2	64.4	19.3	21.3	18.7	18.0	Bold figures are Value Line estimates		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	19.0
1.04	1.00	.73	.95	.97	1.22	1.14	1.06	1.19	1.88	1.22	3.24	1.04	1.13	.96	.99			Relative P/E Ratio	1.05
4.2%	4.3%	5.7%	7.6%	5.7%	4.5%	3.8%	3.3%	2.7%	3.5%	2.8%	2.8%	3.1%	2.9%	3.4%	3.6%			Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	2.5%

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 3/31/22																	Revenues (Smill)	7290
Total Debt \$9757.7 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$1318 mill.																	Net Profit (Smill)	990
LT Debt \$9179.8 mill. LT Interest \$341 mill.																	Income Tax Rate	19.0%
(Interest cov. earned: 2.2x) (58% of Cap'l)																	AFUDC % to Net Profit	2.0%
Leases, Uncapitalized Annual rentals \$32.7 mill.																	Long-Term Debt Ratio	52.0%
Pension Assets-12/21 \$1.9 bill. Oblig. \$2.0 bill.																	Common Equity Ratio	39.5%
Pfd Stock \$1547 mill. Pfd Div'd \$55.1 mill.																	Total Capital (Smill)	18225
Common Stock 407,798,111 shs. as of 4/26/22																	Net Plant (Smill)	22000
MARKET CAP: \$12.4 billion (Large Cap)																	Return on Total Cap'l	5.5%
CURRENT POSITION 2020 2021 3/31/22																	Return on Shr. Equity	11.5%
(SMILL.)																	Return on Com Equity	11.5%
Cash Assets	116.5	85.2	114.5	BUSINESS: NiSource Inc. is a holding company for Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO), which supplies electricity and gas to the northern third of Indiana. Customers: 479,185 electric in Indiana, 3,200,000 million gas in Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Virginia, Maryland, through its Columbia subsidiaries. Revenue breakdown, 2021: electrical, 31%; gas, 69%; other, less													All Div'ds to Net Prof	51%
Other	1542.9	1835.6	1757.4	than 1%. Generating sources, coal, 69.4%; purchased & other, 30.6%. 2021 reported depreciation rates: 2.9% electric, 2.2% gas. Has 7,304 employees. Chairman: Richard L. Thompson. President & Chief Executive Officer: Lloyd Yates. Incorporated: Indiana. Address: 801 East 86th Avenue, Merrillville, Indiana 46410. Telephone: 877-647-5990. Internet: www.nisource.com.														
Current Assets	1659.4	1920.8	1871.9															
Accts Payable	589.0	697.8	628.5															
Debt Due	526.3	618.1	577.9															
Other	1164.1	1430.3	1388.2															
Current Liab.	2279.4	2746.2	2594.6															
Fix. Chg. Cov.	250%	250%	255%															

Since our February review, shares of NiSource have continued on their upward trajectory. In fact, over that time frame, the stock's price advanced another roughly 7%. In comparison, the S&P 500 Index underwent a correction of approximately 10% over that same period.

Meantime, the supplier of electricity and gas to northern Indiana is off to a mixed start this year. To that point, revenues advanced 21.2%, to \$1.873 billion, thanks to a solid, double-digit increase in customer revenues, partially offset by a modest decline in other volumes. This handily bested our call for \$1.645 billion. On the profitability front, total expenses declined 402 basis points, as a percentage of the top line. After accounting for the dilutive effects of a 13.3 million spike in the number of shares outstanding, NI's first-quarter share net fell 2.6%, to \$0.75. This was modestly below our call for \$0.80.

As a result, we have sliced a nickel off our 2022 and 2023 earnings estimates, bringing those figures to \$1.45 and \$1.60, respectively. In the current year, our revised call would still represent a roughly 6% annual increase. This figure also coincides with management's recently reiterated guidance range of \$1.42 to \$1.48. This ought to reflect an estimated revenue advance of more than 14%, to \$5.6 billion. NiSource has roughly \$10 billion in capital growth projects on deck and planned to come into service through 2024. It is also transitioning away from coal-fired generation and toward greener alternatives. Finally, the company has filed for roughly \$475 million in proposed rate-case increases across its various service territories. Those efforts ought to help the company recoup some of its already invested capital and offset growth costs.

This stock offers an above-average dividend yield when viewed against the Value Line median, which may appeal to income-oriented investors. That said, the stock's upside potential for the pull to 2025-2027 is below the Value Line median. What's more, momentum accounts would probably be better served elsewhere. Our Timeliness Ranking System has NiSource pegged to lag the broader market averages in the coming six to 12 months (Timeliness: 4).

Bryan J. Fong *May 27, 2022*

(A) Dil. EPS. Excl. gains (losses) on disc. ops.: '06, (11c); '07, 3c; '08, (\$1.14); '15, (30c); '18, (\$1.48). Next egs. report due late July. Qtr'y egs. may not sum to total due to rounding.	(B) Div's historically paid in mid-Feb., May, Aug., Nov. ■ Div'd reinv. avail.	(D) In mill.	(E) Spun off Columbia Pipeline Group (7/15)	Company's Financial Strength	B+
	(C) Incl. intang in '21: \$1485.9 million, \$3.68/sh.			Stock's Price Stability	100
				Price Growth Persistence	20
				Earnings Predictability	50