



LCG Associates Advises Award Winning Pension Fund

February 22, 2007, Atlanta, GA – An LCG Associates client recently gained national recognition for excellence in pension fund management. NiSource, a Fortune 500 energy holding company, was named Corporate Plan Sponsor of the Year by *Institutional Investor Magazine*, in the magazine's January 2007 issue. The Company and Mike O'Donnell, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, were recognized for excellence in pension fund management.

O'Donnell chairs the Administrative and Investment Committee that is responsible for managing the NiSource retirement plan, but noted that the award recognizes the work of the entire team that manages the pension fund. In the magazine article, O'Donnell offered recognition to "Stephen Gallas, NiSource's manager of benefit plan investments and Richard Babcock of NiSource's Atlanta-based investment consultant, LCG Associates, for helping to deliver strong results." NiSource has been an LCG client since 1990.

Among the factors considered in presenting the award, were the nominees' innovativeness and their records of achievement in investment performance, asset allocation, liability management and risk control.

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