



Statement GRI Application Level Check

GRI hereby states that **NiSource** has presented its report “NiSource 2011 Sustainability Report” to GRI’s Report Services which have concluded that the report fulfills the requirement of Application Level B+.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nelmara Arbex", is written over a large, faint watermark of the GRI logo in the background.

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The “+” has been added to this Application Level because NiSource has submitted (part of) this report for external assurance. GRI accepts the reporter’s own criteria for choosing the relevant assurance provider.

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