

JIMMY STATON

Jimmy Staton serves as Executive Vice President and Group CEO for NiSource Gas Transmission & Storage and also is responsible for NiSource's Indiana gas and electric utilities. In these roles, Staton oversees all commercial, regulatory, operations, and project development and is responsible for execution of the business growth strategies.

Staton is a member of NiSource's executive management council, joining NiSource in March of 2008 after serving in a variety of senior executive positions in the energy industry, including at Dominion Resources, Inc., Consolidated Natural Gas Company, and CNG Transmission Corporation.

He began his energy industry career as a petroleum engineer at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. After leaving the public sector, Staton held several rate, regulatory and strategic planning positions with Arkla Energy Resources and Consolidated Natural Gas Company (CNG). In 1996, Staton was named Vice President, Pricing, Planning and Financial Services for CNG Transmission Corporation where he served as the company's chief financial officer. In 1999, Staton became President, Asset Operations, for CNG's Regulated Businesses.

After CNG merges with Dominion Resources, Inc. in 2000, Staton was named Senior Vice President, Electric Delivery, where he was responsible for Dominion's electric distribution business serving more than two million customers in Virginia and North Carolina. In 2003, Staton was named Senior Vice President, Delivery Operations, where he was responsible for providing service to Dominion's four million gas and electric customers in six states.

Staton currently serves on the boards of the American Gas Foundation, the Edison Electric Institute, and the Southern Gas Association and is a member of the American Gas Association. He earned his B.S. degree in Petroleum Engineering from Louisiana State University in 1983.

He is based in NiSource's corporate headquarters in Merrillville, Ind.