

XCEL ENERGY INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 McDaniel Marvin E. Jr.

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 414 NICOLLET MALL
 (Street)

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55401

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 XCEL ENERGY INC [XEL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/17/2015

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 EVP, Grp Pres, Utilities & CAO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/17/2015		A		6,494.661	A	\$ 0
Common Stock	02/17/2015		F		493.661	D	\$ 35
Common Stock							79,823.214
							79,329.553 (1)
							8,527.079 (2)
						I	401(k)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Pr Deri Secu (Inst
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 ⁽³⁾	02/17/2015		A	20,485	⁽⁴⁾ ⁽⁴⁾	Common Stock 20,485	S

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
McDaniel Marvin E. Jr. 414 NICOLLET MALL MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55401			EVP, Grp Pres, Utilities & CAO	

Signatures

Tara M. Heine, Attorney in Fact for Marvin E. McDaniel Jr. 02/19/2015

____Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) A fractional share interest was sold in connection with the vesting of the award. This amount also includes 121.87 shares of stock acquired pursuant to reinvestment of dividends.
- (2) Shares held in the Xcel Energy Stock Fund under the Xcel Energy 401(K) Savings Plan as of the most recent plan statement (Jan. 15, 2015).
- (3) Security converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (4) Phantom stock representing long-term incentive award payments deferred into the Xcel Energy Deferred Compensation Plan that are held in the Xcel Energy common stock fund and are payable in shares of Xcel Energy common stock upon distribution.

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