

XCEL ENERGY INC  
Form 8-K  
March 01, 2004

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) **March 1, 2004**

**Xcel Energy Inc.**

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Minnesota**

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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**1-3034**

**41-0448030**

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(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**800 Nicollet Mall, Mpls, MN**

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**55402**

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **612-330-5500**

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP

Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Excerpts from 2003 Annual Report

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Item 5. Other Events

Attached as Exhibit 99.01 are the audited financial statements of Xcel Energy Inc. and its subsidiaries for the year ended Dec. 31, 2003 and the management's discussion and analysis.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
23.01	Consent of Independent Auditors - Deloitte & Touche LLP
23.02	Consent of Independent Accountants - PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
99.01	Excerpts from Xcel Energy Inc. 2003 Annual Report to Shareholders: Management's Discussion and Analysis Consolidated Statements of Operations Consolidated Balance Sheets Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity and Comprehensive Income Consolidated Statements of Capitalization Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements Report of Independent Auditors

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Xcel Energy Inc.  
(a Minnesota Corporation)

/s/BENJAMIN G.S. FOWKE III  
Benjamin G.S. Fowke III  
Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and  
Treasurer

March 1, 2004