

XCEL ENERGY INC  
Form FWP  
November 28, 2016

Free Writing Prospectus

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**XCEL ENERGY INC.**

**(a Minnesota corporation)**

**\$300,000,000 2.60% SENIOR NOTES, SERIES DUE MARCH 15, 2022**

**\$500,000,000 3.35% SENIOR NOTES, SERIES DUE DECEMBER 1, 2026**

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| Issuer:          | Xcel Energy Inc. (a Minnesota corporation)     |  |
| Issue Format:    | SEC Registered                                 |  |
| Ratings*:        | A3/BBB+/BBB+ (Moody s/Standard & Poor s/Fitch) |  |
| Security Type:   | Senior Notes                                   |  |
| Pricing Date:    | November 28, 2016                              |  |
| Settlement Date: | December 1, 2016 (T+3)                         |  |

|                         | 2022 Notes                                                                                                                       | 2026 Notes                                                                                                                  |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Principal Amount:       | \$300,000,000                                                                                                                    | \$500,000,000                                                                                                               |
| Maturity Date:          | March 15, 2022                                                                                                                   | December 1, 2026                                                                                                            |
| Interest Payment Dates: | Semi-annually on March 15 and<br>September 15, beginning on March 15,<br>2017                                                    | Semi-annually on June 1 and<br>December 1, beginning on June 1, 2017                                                        |
| Reference Benchmark:    | 1.75% due November 30, 2021                                                                                                      | 2.00% due November 15, 2026                                                                                                 |
| Benchmark Price:        | 99-23+                                                                                                                           | 97-04+                                                                                                                      |
| Benchmark Yield:        | 1.806%                                                                                                                           | 2.323%                                                                                                                      |
| Re-offer Spread:        | +80 bps                                                                                                                          | +105 bps                                                                                                                    |
| Re-offer Yield:         | 2.606%                                                                                                                           | 3.373%                                                                                                                      |
| Coupon:                 | 2.60%                                                                                                                            | 3.35%                                                                                                                       |
| Price to Public:        | 99.973% of principal amount                                                                                                      | 99.806% of principal amount                                                                                                 |
| Net Proceeds to Issuer: | \$298,119,000 (before transaction expenses)                                                                                      | \$495,780,000 (before transaction expenses)                                                                                 |
| Make-Whole Call:        | Prior to February 15, 2022 (the par call date for the 2022 Notes), T+15 bps (calculated to the par call date for the 2022 Notes) | Prior to June 1, 2026 (the par call date for the 2026 Notes), T+20 bps (calculated to the par call date for the 2026 Notes) |
| Par Call:               | On or after February 15, 2022, at par                                                                                            | On or after June 1, 2026, at par                                                                                            |

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Minimum Denominations: \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 thereof      \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 thereof

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Joint Book-Running Managers: Barclays Capital Inc.

Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC

MUFG Securities Americas Inc.

BMO Capital Markets Corp.

TD Securities (USA) LLC

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