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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Poferl Judy M. Issuer Symbol XCEL ENERGY INC [XEL] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title 414 NICOLLET MALL 03/01/2011 below) President & CEO, NSPM (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55401 Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	-Derivative Se	curitie	es Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or			red (A)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock Common Stock	03/01/2011		Code V F	Amount 1,104.711	(D)	Price \$ 23.75	12,387.742 (1) 3,808.774 (2)	D I	401(k)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock	\$ 0				(3)	(3)	Common Stock	0	

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Poferl Judy M. 414 NICOLLET MALL MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55401

President & CEO, NSPM

Signatures

Tara M. Heine, Attorney in Fact for Judy M. Poferl

03/03/2011

**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.
- Between February 24, 2011 and March 2, 2011, the reporting person acquired approximately 371.193 shares of Xcel Energy common stock under the Xcel Energy 401(k) Savings Plan. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated as of March 2, 2011.
- (3) Shares of phantom stock are payable in cash following termination of reporting persons employment.
- The reporting person acquired 209.556 shares of Xcel Energy phantom stock under the Xcel Energy Deferred Compensation Plan. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated as of March 2, 2011.

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