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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> BOUDREAUX GAIL			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement(Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol XCEL ENERGY INC [XEL]				
(Last) (Fir	, ,	Middle)	03/01/2012	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
9900 BREN ROAD E. (Street) MINNETONKA, MN 55344				(Check all applicable) <u>X</u> Director <u>10%</u> Owner <u>Officer</u> Other (give title below) (specify below)		Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
BOUDREAUX GAIL 9900 BREN ROAD E. MINNETONKA, MN 55344	ÂX	Â	Â	Â				
Signatures								
Tara M. Heine, Attorney in Fact f Boudreaux	(03/01/2012						
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Pe		Date						
Explanation of Responses:								

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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