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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Savage Jeffrey S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

XCEL ENERGY INC [XEL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(First) (Last)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Officer (give title below)

Director

10% Owner Other (specify

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12/31/2012

VP & Controller

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

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Person

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55401

(City) (State) (Zip) 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Street)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) (Instr. 4)

Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

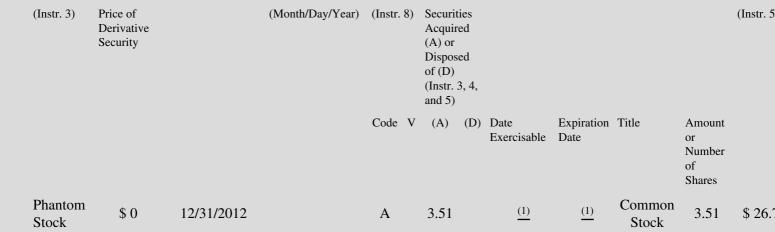
5. Number Transactionof Code Derivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. Price Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

Derivat Security

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Savage Jeffrey S

414 NICOLLET MALL VP & Controller

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55401

Signatures

Tara M. Heine, Attorney in Fact for Jeffrey S. Savage 01/02/2013

**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) Shares of phantom stock are payable in cash following termination of reporting persons employment.

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