#### FOWKE BENJAMIN G S III

Form 4

February 22, 2013

### FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * FOWKE BENJAMIN G S III			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol XCEL ENERGY INC [XEL]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Midd		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
414 NICOLLET MALL			(Month/Day/Year) 02/20/2013	_X_ Director 10% Owner Specify Other (give title Other (specify below) Chairman, President and CEO			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)			
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55401				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Ov								
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities A orDisposed of (D (Instr. 3, 4 and			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	02/20/2013		A	27,107.413	A	\$ 0	219,320.289	D		
Common Stock	02/20/2013		F	9,656.21	D	\$ 28.29	209,664.079 (2)	D		
Common Stock	02/20/2013		F	3,411.203	D	\$ 28.3	206,252.876 (1) (2)	D		
Common Stock							1,398.094 (3)	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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 (4)	02/20/2013		A	141,300	<u>(5)</u>	02/20/2018	Common Stock	141,300
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	0

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer			Other
FOWKE BENJAMIN G S III						

414 NICOLLET MALL

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55401

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Chairman, President and CEO

## **Signatures**

Tara M. Heine, Attorney in Fact for Benjamin G.S. Fowke III

02/22/2013

\*\*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) Includes 1,105.60 shares of stock acquired pursuant to reinvestment of dividends.
- (2) A fractional share interest was sold.
- Shares held in the Xcel Energy Stock Fund under the Xcel Energy 401(K) Savings Plan as of the most recent plan statement (Feb. 20, (3)2013).
- (4) Security converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (5) One-third of the award vests on Feb. 20, 2016 and the remaining two-thirds vests on Feb. 20, 2018.
- Shares of phantom stock are payable in cash following termination of reporting persons employment.
- (7) Stock equivalent units held under the Xcel Energy Deferred Compensation Plan as of the most recent plan statement (Feb. 20, 2013).

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