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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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Security

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Sheppard James J.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

XCEL ENERGY INC [XEL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

414 NICOLLET MALL

(Month/Day/Year)

05/23/2013

X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title below)

(Street)

(First)

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

Person

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

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55401

(City) (State) (Zip) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Owned Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Middle)

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 4 Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or

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	Security			(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 (1)	05/23/2013	A		4,507.513		(2)	(2)	Common	4,507.513

D: 1 C(D)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting owner runner runners	Director	10% Owner	Officer Other				
Sheppard James J. 414 NICOLLET MALL MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55401	X						

Signatures

Tara M. Heine, Attorney in fact for James J.
Sheppard

05/24/2013

**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) Security converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) Shares of phantom stock are payable in shares of common stock following termination of a reporting persons service. Partial shares are payable in cash.
- (3) Includes 525.250 shares of stock equivalent units acquired pursuant to reinvestment of phantom stock dividends.

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