XCEL ENERGY INC

Form 4

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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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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Ad SPARBY DA	^	orting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			XCEL ENERGY INC [XEL]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
414 NICOLI	LET MALL		(Month/Day/Year) 02/19/2014	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior VP and Group President		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
	Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Rep					
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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tal	ble I - Non-	-Derivative Se	curiti	es Acquir	ed, Disposed of, o	or Beneficially	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Approximately 1. Securities Approximately 1. Securities Amount	of (D)	red (A)	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	02/19/2014		A	1,902.016	A	\$0	121,355.378	D	
Common Stock	02/19/2014		F	1,283.016	D	\$ 29.69	120,072.362 (1)	D	
Common Stock							4,653.295 <u>(2)</u>	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Differivative Securities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Pate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 (3)	02/19/2014		A	5,288	<u>(4)</u>	12/31/2016	Common Stock	5,288
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 (3)	02/19/2014		A	27,375	<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	27,375

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SPARBY DAVID M 414 NICOLLET MALL MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55401

Senior VP and Group President

Signatures

Tara M. Heine, Attorney in Fact for David M. Sparby

02/21/2014

**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 in connection with the vesting of the award. This amount also includes 4,394.353 shares of stock acquired pursuant to reinvestment of dividends.
- (2) Shares held in the Xcel Energy Stock Fund under the Xcel Energy 401(K) Savings Plan as of the most recent plan statement (Dec. 31, 2013).
- (3) Security converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (4) Award vests on Dec. 31, 2016.
- (5) Phantom stock representing long-term incentive award payments deferred into the Xcel Energy Deferred Compensation Plan that are held in the Xcel Energy common stock fund and are payable in shares of Xcel Energy common stock upon distribution.

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