XCEL ENERGY INC

Form 4

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response...

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * WESTERLUND DAVID A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

(First)

(Street)

XCEL ENERGY INC [XEL]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(City)

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director

10% Owner Other (specify

414 NICOLLET MALL

09/26/2014

Officer (give title below)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Person

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

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55401

(State) 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

Reported Transaction(s)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

or

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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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	Derivative Security				*	Disposed of (D) Instr. 3, 4, and				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 (1)	09/26/2014	A		787.919		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	787.919

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
WESTERLUND DAVID A 414 NICOLLET MALL MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55401	X						

Signatures

Tara M. Heine, Attorney in fact for David A.
Westerlund

09/30/2014

**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) 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 745.743 shares of stock equivalent units acquired pursuant to reinvestment of phantom stock dividends.

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