XCEL ENERGY INC

Form 4

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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Policinski Christopher J.

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Issuer Symbol

XCEL ENERGY INC [XEL]

(First) (Middle) (Last)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/26/2014

(Check all applicable) X_ Director 10% Owner

Officer (give title Other (specify below)

414 NICOLLET MALL

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55401

Security

(Instr. 3)

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

(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)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Owned (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionDerivative		Expiration Date	Underlying Securities
Security	or Exercise		any	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 Disposed of (D) Security (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) **Expiration Title** (D) Date Amount or Exercisable Number of Date Shares Phantom Common (2) (2) 786.641 \$ 0 (1) 12/26/2014 Α 786.641 Stock Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Policinski Christopher J.
414 NICOLLET MALL X

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55401

Signatures

Tara M. Heine, Attorney in fact for Christopher J.
Policinski

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

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