XCEL ENERGY INC

Form 4

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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)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Poferl Judy M. Issuer Symbol XCEL ENERGY INC [XEL] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify 414 NICOLLET MALL 02/16/2016 below) SVP, Corp Secretary, Exec Svcs (Street) 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

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55401

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tak | ole I - Non- | Derivative Se | curitie | es Acquir | ed, Disposed of, o | or Beneficiall | y Owned |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|------------------|---------|-------------|--|--|---|
| 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) | r. 8) | | 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 | 02/16/2016 | | A | 2,624.951 (1) | (D) | \$ 0 | 28,710.282 (2) | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/16/2016 | | F | 1,485.951 | D | \$ 38.82 | 27,224.331 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 5,318.767 (3) | I | 401(k) |

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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. Derivative Conversion or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of Derivative Security | | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Pr Deri Secu (Inst |
|--|----------|---|---|--|--|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 (4) | 02/16/2016 | | A | 10,838 | (5) | (5) | Common Stock | 10,838 | \$ 3 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Poferl Judy M. 414 NICOLLET MALL MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55401

SVP, Corp Secretary, Exec Svcs

Signatures

Tara M. Heine, Attorney in Fact for Judy M. Poferl

02/18/2016

**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 settled in cash in connection with the settlement of a restricted stock unit award and the withholding of shares for taxes.
- (2) This amount also includes 470.86 shares of stock acquired since the reporting person's last report pursuant to the reinvestment of dividends
- (3) Shares held in the Xcel Energy Stock Fund under the Xcel Energy 401(K) Savings Plan as of the most recent plan statement (February 17, 2016).
- (4) Each share of phantom stock represents the right to receive one share of Xcel Energy common stock or the cash value thereof.
- Shares of phantom stock become payable in accordance with the reporting person's distribution elections made pursuant to the Xcel (5) Energy Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan"). Certain of the phantom shares may be transferred by the reporting person into alternative investment accounts in the Plan beginning one year after they are credited to the reporting person's Plan account.

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