XCEL ENERGY INC
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] LEATHERDALE DOUGLAS W	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol **XCEL ENERGY INC [XEL]**	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/28/2005	__X__ Director _____ 10% Owner _____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
4705 IDS CENTER, 80 SOUTH EIGHTH STREET		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402-2113		
(City) (State) (Zip)		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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 Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(*e.g.*, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V	(A)	(D)					
Phantom Stock	$ 0 (1)		12/28/2005			A	1,306.77		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	1,306.77

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LEATHERDALE DOUGLAS W 4705 IDS CENTER 80 SOUTH EIGHTH STREET MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402-2113	X			

Signatures

Carol J. Peterson, Attorney-in-Fact for Douglas W. Leatherdale	12/29/2005
**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 reporting person's service. Partial shares are payable in cash.
(3)	Includes 721.12 shares of stock acquired pursuant to reinvestment of dividends.

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