

XCEL ENERGY INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 O'Connor Timothy John

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 414 NICOLLET MALL
 (Street)

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55401

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 XCEL ENERGY INC [XEL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/17/2015

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Senior VP and CNO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/17/2015		A		1,737.607	A	\$ 0 5,872.607
Common Stock	02/17/2015		F		969.607	D	\$ 35 4,903 ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock						I	292.09 ⁽²⁾ 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of 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 Deriv Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 ⁽³⁾	02/17/2015		A	5,950	<u>(4)</u> <u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	5,950
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 ⁽³⁾	02/18/2015		A	17.406	<u>(5)</u> <u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	17.406

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
O'Connor Timothy John 414 NICOLLET MALL MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55401			Senior VP and CNO	

Signatures

Tara M. Heine, Attorney in Fact for Timothy J. O'Connor
 02/19/2015
 **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.
- (2) Shares held in the Xcel Energy Stock Fund under the Xcel Energy 401(k) Savings Plan as of the most recent plan statement (Jan. 15, 2015).
- (3) Security converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (4) 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.
- (5) Shares of phantom stock are payable in cash following termination of a reporting persons employment.

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