

XCEL ENERGY INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
MADDEN TERESA S

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

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/15/2006

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)
 VP and Controller

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common				(A) or (D) Price	3,554.19 ⁽¹⁾	I	By 401(k) Plan

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)

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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	V	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. Price or Value of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
						Code	V	(A)	(D)		
Phantom Stock	\$ 0	02/15/2006									
						A	17.14	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	17.14
										\$ 18	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MADDEN TERESA S 800 NICOLLET MALL MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402	VP and Controller			

Signatures

Carol J. Peterson, Attorney-in-Fact for Teresa S. Madden 02/17/2006

__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) Between February 1, 2005 and January 31, 2006, the reporting person acquired 630.38 shares of Xcel Energy common stock under the Xcel Energy 401(k) Savings Plan. The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated as of January 31, 2006.
- (2) Shares of phantom stock are payable in cash following termination of reporting person's employment.

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