

FOWKE BENJAMIN G S III  
Form 4  
February 24, 2012

**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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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**FOWKE BENJAMIN G S III**

(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)  
02/22/2012

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)

Chairman, President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 02/22/2012                              |                                                             | A                                    | 119,167.875                                                             | A \$ 0 238,556.789                                                                                                 | D                                                                       |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 02/22/2012                              |                                                             | F                                    | 31,279.387                                                              | D \$ 26.43 207,277.402<br>(2)                                                                                      | D                                                                       |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 02/22/2012                              |                                                             | F                                    | 12,542.488                                                              | D \$ 26.5 194,734.914<br>(1) (2)                                                                                   | D                                                                       |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         | 1,001.989 (3)                                                                                                      | I                                                                       | 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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) |                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V (A) (D)                                                                                                          | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date                                                  | Title                                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
| Phantom<br>Stock                                    | \$ 0                                                               |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                    | (4)                                                            | (4)                                                                 | Common<br>Stock                                     | 0                                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                       | Relationships                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                      | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| FOWKE BENJAMIN G S III<br>414 NICOLLET MALL<br>MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55401 | X Chairman, President and CEO    |

## Signatures

Tara M. Heine, Attorney in Fact for Benjamin G.S.  
Fowke III

02/24/2012

\_\_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) Includes 194.844 shares of stock acquired pursuant to reinvestment of dividends.

(2) A fractional share interest was sold.

(3) Shares held in the Xcel Energy Stock Fund under the Xcel Energy 401(K) Savings Plan as of the most recent plan statement (December 31, 2011).

(4) Shares of phantom stock are payable in cash following termination of reporting persons employment.

(5)

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Stock equivalent units held under the Xcel Energy Deferred Compensation Plan as of the most recent plan statement (December 31, 2011).

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