

FOWKE BENJAMIN G S III  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
FOWKE BENJAMIN G S III

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)  
414 NICOLLET MALL  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/11/2011

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman, President and CEO

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55401

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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)
Common Stock	11/11/2011		M	29,200 A	\$ 25.9 148,394.07	D	
Common Stock	11/11/2011		S	29,200 D	\$ 26.2561 119,194.07	D	
Common Stock					1,002.146 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	401K

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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.9	11/11/2011		M	29,200	(4)	12/12/2011	Common Stock	29,200

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

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

11/15/2011

\_\_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).
- Price is the volume weighted average selling price of all purchases by the reporting person on the transaction date. Actual prices ranged
- (1) from \$26.1910 to \$26.2809. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request of the Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
  - (2) Includes 615,766 shares of stock acquired pursuant to reinvestment of dividends.
  - (3) Between March 2, 2011 and November 14, 2011, the reporting person acquired approximately 29,958 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 November 14, 2011.
  - (4) The option vested in three equal installments on December 12, 2002, 2003, 2004.

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