

FOWKE BENJAMIN G S III  
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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)  
**800 NICOLLET MALL**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/02/2005**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**VP and CFO**

(Street)  
**MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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)
Common	03/02/2005		A	V A	Amount 1,897 or Price \$ 0	17,208.3 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common - ESSOP					2,281.67 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	ESSOP

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 (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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable      Expiration Date	Title      Amount or Number of Shares		

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FOWKE BENJAMIN G S III 800 NICOLLET MALL MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402			VP and CFO	

## Signatures

Carol J. Peterson, Attorney-in-Fact for Benjamin G. S. Fowke  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

03/04/2005  
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 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 656.92 shares of stock acquired pursuant to reinvestment of dividends.
- (2) Between January 1, 2004 and January 31, 2005, the reporting person acquired 682.28 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, 2005.

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