

Wilensky Scott M
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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 *
Wilensky Scott M

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)
02/22/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Sr. VP & General Counsel

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55401

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

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

(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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/22/2012		A		24,689.989	A	\$ 0 39,396.252
Common Stock	02/22/2012		F		4,825.088	D	\$ 26.43 34,571.164 (2)
Common Stock	02/22/2012		F		3,150.902	D	\$ 26.5 31,420.262 (1) (2)
Common Stock							3,970.127 (3) I 401(k)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

