

Eves David L
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Â Eves David L
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE CO ("SPS"), Â 6TH AND TYLER - SPS TOWER

(Street)

AMARILLO, Â TX Â 79101

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)
 12/13/2006

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

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer Other
 (give title below) (specify below)
 President and CEO, SPS / Xcel
 Energy owns 100% of SPS

5. 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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	17,077	D	Â
Common Stock	2,723.513	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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Phantom Stock	Â (1)	Â (1)	Common Stock	56,641	\$ 0	D	Â
Option, right to buy	Â (2)	12/15/2007	Common Stock	7,285	\$ 30.8468	D	Â
Option, right to buy	Â (2)	12/13/2008	Common Stock	5,890	\$ 31.0081	D	Â
Option, right to buy	Â (2)	12/12/2009	Common Stock	6,975	\$ 20.0403	D	Â
Option, right to buy	Â (2)	12/12/2010	Common Stock	5,900	\$ 27.9375	D	Â
Option, right to buy	Â (2)	12/12/2011	Common Stock	17,300	\$ 25.9	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Eves David L SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE CO ("SPS") 6TH AND TYLER - SPS TOWER AMARILLO, TX 79101	Â	Â	Â President and CEO, SPS	Xcel Energy owns 100% of SPS

Signatures

Tara M. DeGeest, Attorney-in-Fact for David L. Eves
 Date: 12/26/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Shares of phantom stock are payable in cash following termination of reporting person's employment.
- (2) Option Grant exercisable dates are based on a vesting schedule of a pro-rated portion of each grant, which is unique to, and dictated by the plan under which the specific option grant was authorized.

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