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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

Washington, D.C. 20549

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See Instruction 1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Clark Christopher B

(First) (Middle)

(Zip)

414 NICOLLET MALL

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55401

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol XCEL ENERGY INC [XEL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 09/29/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

President, NSPM 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

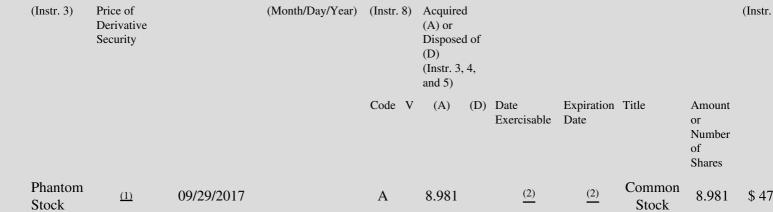
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. Price 4. Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date **Underlying Securities** Deriva Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Securi

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer

Clark Christopher B 414 NICOLLET MALL MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55401

President, NSPM

Other

Signatures

Charlynn M. Stevens, Attorney in Fact for Christopher B.

Clark

10/02/2017

**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) Each share of phantom stock represents the right to receive the cash value of one share of common stock.
- Shares of phantom stock become payable in accordance with the reporting person's distribution elections made pursuant to the Xcel

 Energy Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan"). Subject to certain timing restrictions and other limitations based on the source of the amount deferred, the reporting person may generally transfer some or all of the balance in the Plan's Company stock account into an alternative Plan investment account.
- (3) The number of shares of phantom stock reflects minor adjustments to the number of phantom shares credited to the reporting person's Company stock account due to the unitized nature of the Plan's Company stock fund.

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