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December 31, 2002

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 FORM 4 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP () Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b). 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person Rodney E. Slifer 230 Bridge Street CO, Vail 81657

- 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Xcel Energy Inc. (XEL)
- 3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
- 4. Statement for Month/Year 12/27/2002
- 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
- 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) (X) Director () 10% Owner () Officer (give title below) () Other (specify below)

Phantom Stock Unit |1 for 1 |12/27|A | |1905.98 |A | | |Common | |/200| | | | | |

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

Table I Non-Deriva	tive Securiti	es Acqui	red, Disposed	of, or Ben	eficiall	y Owned	
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Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Includes 308.17 shares of stock acquired pursuant to reinvestment of dividends.
- 2. Includes 380.05 shares of stock acquired pursuant to reinvestment of dividends.