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April 18, 2003

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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
  Cynthia L. Lesher
  800 Nicollet Mall
  MN, Minneapolis 55402
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
  4/16/2003
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
  ( ) Director ( ) 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other
  (specify below)
  Vice President, Xcel Energy Services Inc.
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-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
1. Title of Security
                      |2. |3. |4.Securities Acquired (A) |5.Amount of
                       | Transaction | or Disposed of (D)
                                                                  | Securities
                       | Beneficially
                                                    | A/|
                                                                  | Owned at
                       1
                             | D | Price | End of Month
                       | Date |Code|V| Amount
                      126114.238
                      |3729.462
Table II -- Derivative Securitites Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
1. Title of Derivative |2. Con- |3. |4. |5. Number of De |6. Date Exer|7. Title and Amount |8. F
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Phantom Stock

|rity |Date |Code|V| Amount | |ble |

| A/|Exer-|ation| Title and Number |

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Explanation of Responses: