

XCEL ENERGY INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
Hudson David T

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
600 S. TYLER, SPS TOWER  
  
(Street)

AMARILLO, TX 79101

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/01/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
President, SPS

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 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	03/01/2016		F		320.667	D	\$ 39.54
Common Stock					616.778	I	401(k)

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

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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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Pr Deri Secu (Inst				
					Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>	03/01/2016		A	14.783	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	14.783	\$ 3		

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hudson David T 600 S. TYLER SPS TOWER AMARILLO, TX 79101			President, SPS	

## Signatures

Tara M. Heine, Attorney in fact for David T.  
Hudson

03/03/2016

\*\*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).

Withholding of stock to satisfy tax withholding obligation on vesting of an award of restricted stock under the Xcel Energy Executive

(1) Annual Incentive Award Program that were included in the common stock holdings reported by the reporting person on Form 4 filed on February 18, 2016.

(2) Shares held in the Xcel Energy Stock Fund under the Xcel Energy 401(k) Savings Plan as of the most recent plan statement (February 25, 2016).

(3) Security converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis.

(4) 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").

The number of shares of phantom stock reflects both additional shares credited upon the deemed reinvestment of dividend equivalents as

(5) reported in the most recent report from the Plan administrator, as well as the number of shares reflected in such report as attributable to the reporting person in the Plan's unitized Company stock fund.

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