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<i>See</i> Inst 1(b).	truction	30(h)	of the I	nvestmen	t Company	Act o	t 1940				
(Print or Type	Responses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Clark Christopher B			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol XCEL ENERGY INC [XEL]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction					(Check all applicable)			
414 NICOLLET MALL			(Month/Day/Year) 02/16/2016					Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) President, NSPM			
				Filed(Month/Day/Year) A				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tal	ole I - Non-	Derivative Se	curitie	s Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any	xecution Date, if		Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	OwnershipIrForm:BDirect (D)O	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	(msu: I)		
Common Stock	02/16/2016			А	2,554.925 (1)	А	\$0	7,225.454	D		
Common Stock	02/16/2016			F	859.925	D	\$ 38.82	6,365.529	D		
Common Stock								1,024.688 <u>(2)</u>	Ι	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. ofNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	;	ate	Amou Unde Secur	tle and unt of rrlying rities :. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Owna Follo Repo Trans (Instr
Repo	rting O	wners		Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships								
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other					
Clark Christopher B 414 NICOLLET MALL MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55401			President, N	NSPM					
Signatures									
Tara M. Heine, Attorney in Fac Clark	02/18/2016								
<u>**</u> Signature of Reportir	ng 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) A fractional share interest was settled in cash in connection with the settlement of a restricted stock unit award and the withholding of shares for taxes.
- (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 17, 2016).

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