

XCEL ENERGY INC
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Shareowner Services

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XCEL ENERGY INC.

ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

Wednesday, May 16, 2012

11 a.m. CDT

Amarillo Civic Center

401 S. Buchanan

Amarillo, TX 79101

Directions to the Xcel Energy Inc. Annual

Meeting are available in the proxy statement

which can be viewed at

www.ematerials.com/xcl.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the

Shareholder Meeting to be Held on May 16, 2012.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Xcel Energy Inc. will be held at Amarillo Civic Center, 401 S. Buchanan, Amarillo, TX 79101 on Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at 11 a.m. CDT.

This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

The Proxy Statement and Annual Report are available at www.ematerials.com/xcl

If you want to receive a paper copy or an e-mail with links to the electronic materials, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed on the reverse side of this notice on or before May 4, 2012 to facilitate timely delivery.

Matters intended to be acted upon at the meeting are listed below.

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR each of the nominees in Item 1, FOR Items 2, 3, 4 and 5.

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1. Election of Directors

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|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Gail Koziara Boudreaux | Benjamin G.S. Fowke III | A. Patricia Sampson | Kim Williams |
| Fredric W. Corrigan | Albert F. Moreno | James J. Sheppard | Timothy V. Wolf |
| Richard K. Davis | Christopher J. Policinski | David A. Westerlund | |
2. Company proposal to ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as Xcel Energy Inc.'s independent registered public accounting firm for 2012
3. Company proposal to approve an amendment to our Restated Articles of Incorporation to eliminate cumulative voting in the election of directors
4. Company proposal to approve other amendments to, and the restatement of, our Restated Articles of Incorporation
5. Company proposal to approve, on an advisory basis, our executive compensation

The Board of Directors Recommends a Vote AGAINST Item 6.

6. Shareholder proposal on the separation of the role of the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

THIS IS NOT A FORM FOR VOTING

You may immediately vote your proxy on the Internet at:

www.eproxy.com/xcl

Use the Internet to vote your proxy 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, until 11:59 p.m. (EDT) on May 15, 2012.

Please have this Notice and the last four digits of your Social Security Number or Tax Identification Number available.

Follow the instructions to vote your proxy.

Your Internet vote authorizes the Named Proxies to vote your shares in the same manner as if you marked, signed and returned your proxy card.

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proxy statement and annual report, please contact us via:**

Internet Access the Internet and go to www.ematerials.com/xcl . Follow the instructions to log in, and order copies.

Telephone Call us free of charge at 866-697-9377 in the U.S. or Canada, using a touch-tone phone, and follow the instructions to log in and order copies.

Email Send us an email at ep@ematerials.com with `xcl Materials Request` in the subject line.
The email must include:

The 3-digit company # and the 11-digit control # located in the box in the upper right hand corner on the front of this notice.

Your preference to receive printed materials via mail *-or-* to receive an email with links to the electronic materials.

If you choose email delivery you must include the email address.

If you would like this election to apply to delivery of material for all future meetings, write the word `Permanent` and include the last 4 digits of your Tax ID number in the email.