

Connelly Michael C
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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 *
 Connelly Michael C

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 414 NICOLLET MALL
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/18/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP and General Counsel

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55401

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/18/2009		M	4,779 A \$ 19.3125	49,632.66	D	
Common Stock	12/18/2009		S	4,779 D \$ 21.38	44,853.66 ⁽¹⁾	D	

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 19.3125	12/18/2009		M	4,779	(2) 01/26/2010	Common Stock	4,779

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Connelly Michael C 414 NICOLLET MALL MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55401			VP and General Counsel	

Signatures

Tara M. Heine, Attorney-in-fact for Michael C. Connelly
 **Signature of Reporting Person
 Date: 12/21/2009

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) Includes 1677.21 shares of stock acquired pursuant to reinvestment of dividends.
- (2) The option vested in three equal installements on January 26, 2001, 2002, 2003.

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