

XCEL ENERGY INC  
Form 8-K  
October 17, 2014

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) Oct. 14, 2014

| Commission File Number | Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter; State of Incorporation; Address of Principal Executive Offices; and Telephone Number | IRS Employer Identification Number |
|------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| 001-3034               | XCEL ENERGY<br>(a Minnesota corporation)<br>414 Nicollet Mall<br>Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401<br>(612) 330-5500                            | 41-0448030                         |
| 000-31387              | NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY<br>(a Minnesota corporation)<br>414 Nicollet Mall<br>Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401<br>(612) 330-5500          | 41-1967505                         |
| 001-03140              | NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY<br>(a Wisconsin corporation)<br>1414 W. Hamilton Avenue<br>Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54701<br>(715) 737-2625     | 39-0508315                         |
| 001-3280               | PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO<br>(a Colorado corporation)<br>1800 Larimer, Suite 1100<br>Denver, Colorado 80202<br>(303) 571-7511     | 84-0296600                         |
| 001-03789              | SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY<br>(a New Mexico corporation)<br>Tyler at Sixth<br>Amarillo, Texas 79101                               | 75-0575400                         |

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

Item 1.02 Termination of a Material Definitive Agreement

Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant

On October 14, 2014, Xcel Energy Inc. (Xcel Energy) and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation (NSP-Minnesota), Northern States Power Company, a Wisconsin corporation (NSP-Wisconsin), Public Service Company of Colorado (PSCo) and Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS), each entered into amended and restated credit agreements (the New Facilities) with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent, Bank of America, N.A., and Barclays Bank Plc, as Syndication Agents, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Documentation Agent, and the several lenders party thereto.

Each of the New Facilities amends and restates the relevant prior credit facility which was scheduled to expire in July 2017. The amount of each New Facility is set forth below:

Xcel Energy's New Facility has been increased from \$800 million to \$1.0 billion, and under certain conditions may be increased by up to an additional \$200 million;

NSP-Minnesota's New Facility is in the amount of \$500 million, and under certain conditions may be increased by up to \$100 million;

PSCo's New Facility is in the amount of \$700 million, and under certain conditions may be increased by up to \$100 million;

SPS' New Facility has been increased from \$300 million to \$400 million, and under certain conditions may be increased by up to an additional \$50 million; and

NSP-Wisconsin's New Facility is in the amount of \$150 million.

Each of the New Facilities is unsecured, has a five-year term, and except for NSP-Wisconsin's credit facility, contains maturity extension provisions for two additional one-year periods. NSP-Wisconsin's New Facility contains a maturity extension provision for an additional one-year period. The New Facilities permit borrowings at interest rates equal to the Eurodollar rate, plus a margin of 87.5 basis points to 175 basis points, or an alternate base rate. The New Facilities also provide for a commitment fee that ranges from 7.5 basis points to 27.5 basis points on the unused portion of the line. Interest rates and commitment fees are based on the applicable borrower's then-current senior unsecured credit ratings. Advances under the New Facilities are subject to certain conditions precedent, including the accuracy of certain representations and warranties and the absence of any default or event of default. Advances under the New Facilities will be used for general corporate purposes, including the repayment of outstanding indebtedness from time to time and for issuances of letters of credit (subject to certain sublimits).

Each of the New Facilities has one financial covenant, requiring that the applicable borrower's consolidated funded debt to total capitalization ratio be less than or equal to 65 percent. The New Facilities also contain covenants, which restrict the borrowers and certain subsidiaries in respect of, among other things, mergers and consolidations, sales of all or substantially all assets and incurrence of liens. The New Facilities are subject to acceleration upon the occurrence of an event of default, including cross-default to indebtedness in excess of \$75 million in the aggregate, change of control (as defined in the applicable borrower's New Facility), nonpayment of monetary judgments of \$75 million or more, and the occurrence of certain Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and bankruptcy events.

Copies of each New Facility are filed as Exhibits 99.01, 99.02, 99.03, 99.04 and 99.05 hereto and are incorporated by reference herein. The description of the New Facilities above is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of each New Facility.

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This combined Form 8-K is being furnished separately by Xcel Energy, NSP-Minnesota, NSP-Wisconsin, PSCo and SPS (each, a “Registrant”). Information contained herein relating to any individual Registrant has been furnished by such Registrant on its own behalf. No Registrant makes any representation as to information relating to any other Registrant.

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Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit No.  | Description  |
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| <u>99.01</u> | Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of Oct. 14, 2014 among Xcel Energy Inc., as Borrower, the several lenders from time to time parties thereto, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent, Bank of America, N.A., and Barclays Bank Plc, as Syndication Agents, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Documentation Agent                                       |
| <u>99.02</u> | Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of Oct. 14, 2014 among Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, as Borrower, the several lenders from time to time parties thereto, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent, Bank of America, N.A., and Barclays Bank Plc, as Syndication Agents, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Documentation Agent |
| <u>99.03</u> | Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of Oct. 14, 2014 among Public Service Company of Colorado, as Borrower, the several lenders from time to time parties thereto, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent, Bank of America, N.A., and Barclays Bank Plc, as Syndication Agents, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Documentation Agent                     |
| <u>99.04</u> | Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of Oct. 14, 2014 among Southwestern Public Service Company, as Borrower, the several lenders from time to time parties thereto, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent, Bank of America, N.A., and Barclays Bank Plc, as Syndication Agents, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Documentation Agent                    |
| <u>99.05</u> | Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of Oct. 14, 2014 among Northern States Power Company, a Wisconsin corporation, as Borrower, the several lenders from time to time parties thereto, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent, Bank of America, N.A., and Barclays Bank Plc, as Syndication Agents, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Documentation Agent |

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Oct. 17, 2014

Xcel Energy Inc.  
(a Minnesota corporation)  
Northern States Power Company  
(a Minnesota corporation)  
Northern States Power Company  
(a Wisconsin corporation)  
Public Service Company of Colorado  
(a Colorado corporation)  
Southwestern Public Service Company  
(a New Mexico corporation)

/s/ Teresa S. Madden  
Teresa S. Madden  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer