

XCEL ENERGY INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
VINCENT PATRICIA K

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1225 SEVENTEENTH STREET  
(Street)

DENVER, CO 80202

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/22/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP, Xcel Energy Services Inc.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                 | Amount                                                                                        | (D)                                                      | Price                                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 08/22/2006                           |                                                    | A                              |                                                                   | 23,183.77                                                                                     | A                                                        | \$ 0 71,771.56                                        |
| Common Stock                    | 08/22/2006                           |                                                    | F                              |                                                                   | 9,395.24                                                                                      | D                                                        | \$ 20.73 62,375.79 <sup>(1)</sup>                     |

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) |                 |              |                            |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                                       | (A)                                                      | (D)                                                           | Date Exercisable                           | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Phantom Stock                              | \$ 0                                                   |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | (2)                                                      | (2)                                                           |                                            |                 | Common Stock | 4,949.31                   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                    | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|                                                                   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| VINCENT PATRICIA K<br>1225 SEVENTEENTH STREET<br>DENVER, CO 80202 |               |           | VP, Xcel Energy Services Inc. |       |

## Signatures

Carol J. Peterson, Attorney-in-Fact for Patricia K. Vincent  
 08/24/2006  
 \*\*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).
- (1) A fractional share interest was sold.
- (2) Shares of phantom stock are payable in cash following termination of reporting person's employment.
- (3) Balance as of August 21, 2006.

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