

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or
Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * WILKS DAVID M (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]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) VP, Xcel Energy Services Inc.
3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) 8/22/2006		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	8/22/2006		A		20252.19	A	\$0	99762.5	D	
Common Stock	8/22/2006		F		8207.2	D	\$20.73	91554.31 (1)(2)	D	
Common Stock								343.72 (3)	I	Son

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Phantom Stock	\$0							(4)	(4)	Common Stock	6294.62		6294.62 (5)	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) A fractional share interest was sold.
- (2) Includes 408.50 shares of stock acquired pursuant to reinvestment of dividends.
- (3) Includes 3.88 shares of stock acquired pursuant to reinvestment of dividends.
- (4) Shares of phantom stock are payable in cash following termination of reporting person's employment.
- (5) Balance as of August 21, 2006.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WILKS DAVID M 1225 SEVENTEENTH STREET DENVER, CO 80202			VP, Xcel Energy Services Inc.	

Signatures

Carol J. Peterson, Attorney-in-Fact for David M. Wilks

8/24/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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