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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

Security

(Instr. 3)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SAMPSON A PATRICIA

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Street)

(First) (Middle) XCEL ENERGY INC [XEL] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

05/19/2016

X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

(Check all applicable)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

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

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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Person

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

below)

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55401

414 NICOLLET MALL

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership Securities Beneficially Owned Following

7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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 Conversion Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

5. Number of 4 TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or 6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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	Derivative Security			Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares
Stock Equivalent Units	\$ 0 (1)	05/19/2016	A		3,367.423		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	3,367.4

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SAMPSON A PATRICIA 414 NICOLLET MALL MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55401	X						

Signatures

Tara M. Heine, Attorney in fact for A. Patricia
Sampson

05/19/2016

Explanation of Responses:

**Signature of Reporting Person

- * 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) Each stock equivalent unit is the economic equivalent of one share of common stock. Whole stock equivalent units are payable in shares of common stock following termination of a reporting person's service as a director; fractional units are payable at such time in cash.

Date

(2) Includes 4,212.998 shares of stock equivalent units acquired pursuant to reinvestment of stock equivalent unit dividends.

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