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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Swenson Michael L</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY ("NSPWI"), 1414 WEST HAMILTON AVE., STE. 3</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>EAU CLAIRE, WI 54701</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>12/13/2006</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>XCEL ENERGY INC [XEL]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other                  (give title below) (specify below)                  President and CEO, NSPWI / Xcel Energy owns 100% of NSPWI</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person  <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	22,385.705	D	^
Common	1,322.083	I	401K

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

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date <small>(Month/Day/Year)</small>		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Option, right to buy	Â (1)	01/22/2007	Common Stock	2,586	\$ 23.7188	D	Â
Option, right to buy	Â (1)	01/28/2008	Common Stock	2,362	\$ 26.875	D	Â
Option, right to buy	Â (1)	01/27/2009	Common Stock	2,486	\$ 26.3125	D	Â
Option, right to buy	Â (1)	01/26/2010	Common Stock	3,515	\$ 19.3125	D	Â
Option, right to buy	Â (1)	08/20/2010	Common Stock	36,000	\$ 26.3125	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Swenson Michael L NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY ("NSPWI") 1414 WEST HAMILTON AVE., STE. 3 EAU CLAIRE, WI 54701	Â	Â	Â President and CEO, NSPWI	Xcel Energy owns 100% of NSPWI

## Signatures

Tara DeGeest, Attorney-in-Fact for Michael L.  
Swenson

12/27/2006

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Option Grant exercisable dates are based on a vesting schedule of a pro-rated portion of each grant, which is unique to, and dictated by the plan under which the specific option grant was authorized.

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