

XCEL ENERGY INC  
Form 8-K  
December 13, 2001

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**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) December 13, 2001

**Xcel Energy Inc.**

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Minnesota**

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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**1-3034**

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(Commission File Number)

**800 Nicollet Mall, Mpls, MN**

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(Address of principal executive offices)

**41-0448030**

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(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**55402**

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(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code 612-330-5500

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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News Release dated 12/13/01

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**Item 5. Other Events**

Xcel Energy Inc. reported that its board of directors authorized an additional noncontingent equity investment of \$300 million in NRG Energy, its majority-owned subsidiary, subject to approval by the Finance Committee of the Xcel Energy board of directors related to the timing and pricing of such investment.

For more information, see the News Release attached as Exhibit 99.01.

**Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.01	News Release of Xcel Energy dated December 13, 2001

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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.

Xcel Energy Inc.  
(a Minnesota Corporation)

/s/ David E. Ripka  
David E. Ripka  
Vice President and Controller

December 13, 2001