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FORM 11-K

ý ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the year ended Dec. 31, 2014

OR

o TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF
1934

For the transition period from to

Commission file number: 1-3034

A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:

New Century Energies, Inc.
Employees' Savings and Stock Ownership Plan for
Bargaining Unit Employees and Former Non-Bargaining Unit Employees

and

New Century Energies, Inc.
Employee Investment Plan for Bargaining Unit Employees and
Former Non-Bargaining Unit Employees

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To Xcel Energy Inc. and Participants of
New Century Energies, Inc. Employees' Savings and
Stock Ownership Plan for Bargaining Unit Employees and
Former Non-Bargaining Unit Employees
Minneapolis, Minnesota

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the New Century Energies, Inc. Employees' Savings and Stock Ownership Plan for Bargaining Unit Employees and Former Non-Bargaining Unit Employees (the "Plan") as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Plan is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2014, has been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of the Plan's financial statements. The supplemental schedule is the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our audit procedures included determining whether the supplemental schedule reconciles to the financial statements or the underlying accounting and other records, as applicable, and performing procedures to test the completeness and accuracy of the information presented in the supplemental schedule. In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, including their form and content, is presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. In our opinion, such schedule is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Minneapolis, Minnesota
June 26, 2015

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 EMPLOYEES' SAVINGS AND STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN FOR
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Statements Of Net Assets Available For Benefits

	Dec. 31, 2014	Dec. 31, 2013
Assets		
Investments at fair value:		
General investments (Note 6)	\$ 344,225,326	\$ 321,803,583
Value of interest in Master Trust (Note 4, 6, and 7)	86,343,331	68,189,143
Total investments	430,568,657	389,992,726
Receivables:		
Xcel Energy contributions (Note 3 and 7)	8,416,598	7,273,586
Notes receivable from participants (Note 8)	6,873,946	6,461,021
Total receivables	15,290,544	13,734,607
Liabilities		
Payables:		
Refund of excess contributions (Note 3)	1,177	—
Total payables	1,177	—
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 445,858,024	\$ 403,727,333

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Statements Of Changes In Net Assets Available For Benefits

	Year Ended Dec. 31	
	2014	2013
Contributions:		
Xcel Energy	\$8,416,598	\$7,273,586
Participants	16,330,478	14,619,256
Total contributions	24,747,076	21,892,842
Transfer of Plan assets (Note 1)	—	(5,830)
Investment income:		
Plan interest in income from Master Trust (Note 4)	22,195,109	6,245,941
Interest and dividends	12,631,929	10,179,391
Net appreciation in fair value of interest in registered investment companies, VGI Brokerage Option, and collective trusts (Note 6)	18,727,954	44,275,011
Total investment income	53,554,992	60,700,343
Interest on notes receivable from participants	284,792	283,894
Benefits paid to participants	(36,200,224)	(47,849,389)
Administrative expenses	(255,945)	(136,362)
Net increase in net assets available for benefits	42,130,691	34,885,498
Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year	403,727,333	368,841,835
Net assets available for benefits at end of year	\$445,858,024	\$403,727,333

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/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Minneapolis, Minnesota
June 26, 2015

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 UNIT EMPLOYEES AND FORMER NON-BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES

Statements Of Net Assets Available For Benefits

	Dec. 31, 2014	Dec. 31, 2013
Assets		
Investments at fair value:		
General investments (Note 6)	\$46,012,463	\$38,120,108
Value of interest in Master Trust (Note 4 and 6)	45,927,024	37,959,888
Total investments	91,939,487	76,079,996
Receivables:		
Xcel Energy contributions (Note 3)	1,605,943	1,496,195
Notes receivable from participants (Note 8)	2,991,441	2,902,979
Total receivables	4,597,384	4,399,174
Net assets available for benefits	\$96,536,871	\$80,479,170

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NEW CENTURY ENERGIES, INC.
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Statements Of Changes In Net Assets Available For Benefits

	Year Ended Dec. 31	
	2014	2013
Contributions:		
Xcel Energy	\$ 1,605,943	\$ 1,496,195
Participants	4,422,489	4,264,151
Total contributions	6,028,432	5,760,346
Transfer of Plan assets (Note 1)	(107,544)	(492,460)
Investment income:		
Plan interest in income from Master Trust (Note 4)	11,970,715	3,329,489
Interest and dividends	1,164,371	875,914
Net appreciation in fair value of interest in registered investment companies, VGI Brokerage Option, and collective trusts (Note 6)	1,871,501	5,088,803
Total investment income	15,006,587	9,294,206
Interest on notes receivable from participants	123,257	111,138
Benefits paid to participants	(4,885,009)	(5,544,375)
Administrative expenses	(108,022)	(57,293)
Net increase in net assets available for benefits	16,057,701	9,071,562
Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year	80,479,170	71,407,608
Net assets available for benefits at end of year	\$96,536,871	\$ 80,479,170

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and

NEW CENTURY ENERGIES, INC. EMPLOYEE INVESTMENT PLAN FOR BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES AND FORMER NON-BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. DESCRIPTION OF PLANS

The following includes a brief description of the New Century Energies, Inc. Employees' Savings and Stock Ownership Plan for Bargaining Unit Employees and Former Non-Bargaining Unit Employees (BU Savings Plan) and the New Century Energies, Inc. Employee Investment Plan for Bargaining Unit Employees and Former Non-Bargaining Unit Employees (EIP Savings Plan), collectively the "Plans." Participants should refer to their respective Plan Document or Summary Plan Description for more complete information. The notes to the financial statements generally apply to the Plans and specific disclosures are presented to address matters for individual plans, where applicable.

General - The Plans are employee benefit plans which provide eligible employees of participating subsidiaries of Xcel Energy Inc. (Xcel Energy or the Company) the opportunity to contribute to a qualified retirement savings plan. Each Plan also provides for the ownership of Xcel Energy common stock through employee contributions and employer matching contributions, as applicable. The Plans are defined contribution plans and include an employee stock ownership plan. Each Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended.

For the EIP Savings Plan, in October 2013, Xcel Energy began paying the employer match contribution in cash instead of Xcel Energy common stock. Xcel Energy had previously determined employee and employer contributions that were used to purchase common stock as non-participant directed investments until they were reinvested in other investment elections by the participant. Xcel Energy no longer considers these investments to be non-participant directed, as these investments are being made directly into the funds elected by the participants.

For the BU Savings Plan, Xcel Energy continues paying the employer match contribution in Xcel Energy common stock. Xcel Energy had previously determined employee and employer contributions that were used to purchase common stock as non-participant directed investments until they were reinvested in other investment elections by the participant. Xcel Energy only considers the employer contribution receivable as of Dec. 31, 2014, which is paid in Xcel Energy common stock, to be non-participant directed, as the participant is unable to direct the investment until it is deposited into the participant's account.

Plan and Trust Management – The plan administrator of each Plan is appointed by the Xcel Energy Board of Directors and has authority to control and manage the operation and administration of each Plan. Each Plan's assets are held by a trustee under a separate trust agreement as adopted or amended by Xcel Energy. Each Plan's assets invested in Xcel Energy common stock are held in the Xcel Energy Stock Fund within the Master Trust. See Note 4 for further discussion. The Xcel Energy Stock Fund also holds an immaterial amount of cash equivalents for operational purposes. Each Plan values the individual participants' accounts daily based on the current market value of each type of asset. The Vanguard Group is the record keeper and Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company (VFTC) serves as trustee for the Plans.

Transfer of Plan Assets – In 2014 and 2013, participant assets from the EIP Savings Plan were transferred to the Xcel Energy 401(k) Savings Plan. Asset transfers of \$107,544 and \$492,460 are reported on the Statements of Changes in

Net Assets Available for Benefits for the years ended Dec. 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. In 2014, no participant assets were transferred from the BU Savings Plan. In 2013, participant assets from the BU Savings Plan were transferred to the Xcel Energy 401(k) Savings Plan. Asset transfers of zero and \$5,830 are reported on the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the years ended Dec. 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Assets are typically transferred amongst plans when a participant moves from one company to another within Xcel Energy.

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Eligibility

BU Savings Plan

The BU Savings Plan allows for a regular, full-time employee covered by a collective bargaining agreement to become a participant of this Plan on or after the date the eligible employee first performs an hour of service for Xcel Energy, while a regular, part-time employee (one who works less than 40 hours per week) must complete one year and 1,000 hours of service to become eligible. Certain former non-bargaining unit employees (i.e., employees who terminated or retired before July 1, 1998) continue to participate in the BU Savings Plan.

EIP Savings Plan

The EIP Savings Plan allows for a regular, full-time employee covered by a collective bargaining agreement to enroll in the Plan as soon as it is administratively feasible following their date of hire. Certain former non-bargaining unit employees (i.e., employees who terminated or retired before July 1, 1998) continue to participate in the EIP Savings Plan.

Employee and Employer Contributions - Each Plan allows participants to contribute a portion of their pre-tax compensation and allows for a discretionary employer matching contribution (see Note 3). The BU Savings Plan also allows employee after-tax contributions. The EIP Savings Plan allows Roth 401(k) after-tax contributions.

Vesting – Employee contributions, matching contributions made by Xcel Energy and earnings in each Plan are immediately vested.

Distributions

BU Savings Plan

Benefits are distributed upon retirement, termination of employment, total disability, or death (payable to beneficiary) in the form of a single lump sum or rollover to an IRA or another employer's qualified plan.

EIP Savings Plan

Benefits are distributed upon retirement, termination of employment, total disability, or death (payable to beneficiary) in the form of a single lump sum, rollover to an IRA or another employer's qualified plan or installments.

For each of the Plans, if the total amount of the participant's vested account balance exceeds \$1,000, the participant may defer distribution until age 70½, unless the participant consents in writing to an earlier date. If the total amount is less than \$1,000, the Plan Administrator may schedule a payment date and the amount will be distributed as soon as it is administratively possible.

All vested account balances remaining in the Plans after the participant decides to terminate employment with Xcel Energy for any reason, will be invested in the funds of the participant's choice. The participant will continue to receive their share of investment earnings and dividend distributions until the account is completely distributed.

Participant Accounts — For both Plans, each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, the Company's matching contribution, and allocations of Plan earnings or losses. Allocations are based on the number of participant shares that make up participant account balances.

Plan Termination – While Xcel Energy expects to continue the Plans, it reserves the right at its sole and absolute discretion to amend, modify, change or terminate the Plans or any other benefit plan Xcel Energy may currently provide. Xcel Energy makes no commitments or representations concerning the continuation of these Plans. If Xcel Energy were to terminate the Plans, assets would be distributed in accordance with ERISA guidelines.

Administrative Expenses – Xcel Energy pays certain administrative expenses of the Plans. Certain investment advisory, trustee and recordkeeping fees are paid by the Plans or by the participant. Certain non-Vanguard fund asset based fees are paid by the participant or respective fund company. The Vanguard Brokerage Option annual account maintenance fee and the annual plan recordkeeping fee are paid by the participant. Loan set-up fees are paid by Xcel Energy under the BU Savings Plan. Loan set-up fees and annual maintenance fees are paid by the participant under the EIP Savings Plan. Effective Oct. 1, 2013, Vanguard implemented an annual fixed administration fee for both Plans.

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Dividends

BU Savings Plan

Dividends earned on the common stock purchased with Xcel Energy contributions are paid quarterly to Plan participants in cash as a taxable distribution. Dividends earned on the common stock purchased with employee contributions are automatically reinvested in the Xcel Energy Stock Fund held within the Master Trust and are considered taxable income when they are distributed from the Plan.

EIP Savings Plan

Participants can elect to receive their quarterly Xcel Energy common stock dividends in cash as a taxable distribution or to reinvest in the Xcel Energy Stock Fund held within the Master Trust.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting - The accompanying financial statements of the Plans have been prepared under the accrual method of accounting in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

Use of Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities and changes therein and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of additions and deductions during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Risks and Uncertainties - The Plans provide for investment in a variety of investment funds. Investments, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit and overall market volatility risk. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of the investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the financial statements.

Fair Value Measurements — The Plans present money market funds and mutual funds (registered investment companies), the Xcel Energy Stock Fund held within the Master Trust, collective trusts, and VGI Brokerage Option investments at fair value in its financial statements.

The fair values of money market funds are based on quoted net asset value. The fair values of mutual funds and Xcel Energy common stock are based on quoted market prices.

Collective trusts consist of investments in retirement target date trusts, which have been assigned as Level 2, and are valued at the underlying investments' net asset value at the close of the day multiplied by the number of shares in the fund. These assets did not have any unfunded commitments at Dec. 31, 2014, and 2013, and there are no restrictions on redemption.

The VGI Brokerage Option is a fund option that allows participants to self-direct investments in a wider variety of mutual funds, equity securities, and debt securities. Within the VGI Brokerage Option, the fair value of mutual funds and equity securities are based on quoted market prices, while the fair values of debt securities are based on market interest rate curves and recent trades of similarly rated securities.

Investments — The Plans' net asset investments include money market funds, various mutual funds, collective trusts, the Master Trust, and VGI Brokerage Option. Each participant elects the percentage of his or her account balance to be invested in each investment option. Investment income includes interest and dividends. Realized gains and losses on

the sale of investments and unrealized gains or losses in the fair value of investments are shown as net appreciation (depreciation) in the fair value of investments. Total investment income is allocated to each fund based on the number of units in each fund.

Security transactions are recognized on the trade date (the date the order to buy or sell is executed). Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date.

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Income Recognition – The difference between the fair value and the cost of investments, including realized and unrealized gains and losses, is reflected in the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits. Security transactions are recognized on the trade date (the date the order to buy or sell is executed). Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date.

Payment of Benefits – Benefit payments are recorded when paid.

Notes Receivable from Participants – Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant loans are recorded as deemed distributions based on the terms of the Plan document.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements – Fair Value Measurement – In May 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Disclosures for Investments in Certain Entities that Calculate Net Asset Value per Share (or Its Equivalent), Topic 820 (Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2015-07), which removes the requirement to categorize within the fair value hierarchy the fair values for investments measured using a net asset value per share methodology. This guidance will be effective on a retrospective basis for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after Dec. 15, 2015, and early adoption is permitted. Other than the reduced disclosure requirements, the Plan does not expect the implementation of ASU 2015-07 to have a material impact on the Plan's financial statements.

3. PLAN FUNDING

Employee Contributions

BU Savings Plan

Participants may elect to contribute up to 20 percent of their annual compensation in pre-tax contributions and up to 8 percent in after-tax contributions. The combination of pre-tax contributions up to \$17,500 in 2014 and 2013, and after-tax contributions cannot exceed 20 percent of their annual compensation. Employees who are age 50 or older during the Plan year may make additional pre-tax (catch-up) contributions up to \$5,500 in 2014 and 2013. The Plan is required to make corrective distributions when the IRS limits are exceeded due to excess deferrals, excess contributions and excess annual additions, which are returned to employees during the subsequent Plan year.

EIP Savings Plan

Participants may elect to make either regular 401(k) pre-tax deferrals, Roth 401(k) after-tax deferrals or a combination of both not to exceed 30 percent of their base pay or \$17,500 in 2014 and 2013. Employees who are age 50 or older during the Plan year, may make additional catch-up contributions (pre-tax and/or Roth) up to \$5,500 in 2014 and 2013. The Plan is required to make corrective distributions when the IRS limits are exceeded due to excess deferrals, excess contributions and excess annual additions, which are returned to employees during the subsequent Plan year.

The Plan has an automatic enrollment program for newly hired/rehired full-time employees in regular status. Eligible employees who do not make an affirmative election or do not waive participation in the Plan within 30 days from date of hire/rehire are automatically enrolled at an initial percentage of base pay (4 percent pre-tax in 2014 and 2013), contribution rates are automatically increased each year by 1 percent (capped at 10 percent), and their accounts are automatically invested in an age-appropriate target-date fund for immediate diversification. Participants who are automatically enrolled can opt out of the default options and make their own independent choices at any time.

Employer Contributions

BU Savings Plan

Xcel Energy may contribute cash or shares of Xcel Energy stock as a matching contribution equal to 100 percent of the first 3 percent, and 50 percent of the next 4 percent of a participant's pre-tax contribution during the Plan year. All employees participating in the Plan are eligible for the matching contribution, regardless of their employment status at year-end. Employer contributions may be made at any time during the Plan year or after its close, but not later than 60 days after the close of the Plan year. The number of shares of common stock contributed is determined by using Xcel Energy's average common stock price for the Plan year, and each participant's annual contribution and compensation eligible for a match as defined in the Plan Document.

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EIP Savings Plan

Xcel Energy may contribute cash or shares of Xcel Energy stock as a matching contribution equal to 50 percent of the first 8 percent of base pay contributed by the participant on a pre-tax and/or Roth 401(k) after-tax basis during the Plan year. All employees participating in the Plan are eligible for a matching contribution, regardless of their employment status at year-end. Matching contributions are allocated after the close of the Plan year, typically during the first quarter. The number of shares of common stock contributed, if applicable, is determined by using Xcel Energy's average common stock price for the Plan year, and each participant's annual contribution and compensation eligible for a match as defined in the Plan Document.

Investment of Employee and Employer Contributions - Participants may invest their contributions among the various investment funds offered by the Plans. Any dividends and interest earned on their investments will be reinvested in each of those same investments automatically. Xcel Energy contributions made to the BU Savings Plan are initially invested in Xcel Energy stock. A participant may elect at any time (in accordance with Xcel Energy's normal procedures governing such elections) to diversify up to 100 percent of their Xcel Energy Stock Fund account by transferring the applicable amount to one or more of the other investment funds within the Plans. The ability to exchange into or out of certain funds may be subject to frequent trading and redemption fee policies. For the 2014 and 2013 Plan years, Xcel Energy matching contributions made to the EIP Savings Plan were paid in cash and invested in accordance with the participant's investment election.

4. INTEREST IN MASTER TRUST

The value of each Plan's interest in the Master Trust is based on the beginning of the year value of the interest in the Master Trust plus actual contributions, transfers and allocated investment income or loss less actual distributions and allocated administrative expenses. Investment income and administrative expenses related to the Master trust are allocated to the individual plans based upon the daily valuation of the balances invested by each plan.

The net change in value from participation in the Master Trust is reported as one line item in the accompanying Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits and each Plan's interest in the Master Trust is reported as a single line item in the accompanying Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

The BU Savings Plan's interest in the Master Trust was 20.1 percent and 19.3 percent at Dec. 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The EIP Savings Plan's interest in the Master Trust was 10.7 percent at Dec. 31, 2014 and 2013. Interest in income from the Master Trust for the BU Savings Plan was 19.9 percent and 19.7 percent, respectively, as of and for the years ended Dec. 31, 2014 and 2013. Interest in income from the Master Trust for the EIP Savings Plan was 10.7 percent and 10.5 percent, respectively, as of and for the years ended Dec. 31, 2014 and 2013. For the BU Savings Plan, within the Master Trust, there was \$8,416,598 and \$7,273,586 of non-participant directed funds at Dec. 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The Plan has an undivided interest in each security in the Master Trust.

A summary of the net assets of the Master Trust as of Dec. 31, 2014 and 2013 are summarized below:

	2014	2013
Investments at fair value:		
Xcel Energy Stock Fund	\$429,736,039	\$354,077,914
BU Savings Plan value of interest in Master Trust	\$86,343,331	\$68,189,143
EIP Savings Plan value of interest in Master Trust	\$45,927,024	\$37,959,888

The fair value of the Xcel Energy Stock Fund represents investments which are 5 percent or more of the Master Trust's net assets for years ended Dec. 31, 2014, and 2013.

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Master Trust income for the years ended Dec. 31, 2014, and 2013 is as follows:

	2014	2013
Total interest, dividend and other income	\$ 14,613,193	\$ 14,664,362
Realized and unrealized gain in Xcel Energy Stock Fund	96,796,616	17,048,388
Total Master Trust net gain	\$ 111,409,809	\$ 31,712,750
BU Savings Plan interest in income from Master Trust	\$ 22,195,109	\$ 6,245,941
EIP Savings Plan interest in income from Master Trust	\$ 11,970,715	\$ 3,329,489

5. FEDERAL INCOME TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has determined and informed Xcel Energy by letters dated Sept. 17, 2013 that the BU Savings Plan and the EIP Savings Plan meet the requirements of Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) of 1986, as amended. Xcel Energy believes that the Plans are currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and the Plans continues to be tax-exempt. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the financial statements of the Plans.

The Plans' management evaluates tax positions taken by the Plan and recognizes a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan administrators have analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plans, including the assertion that the Plans are exempt from income tax, and has not identified any uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements as of Dec. 31, 2014 and 2013. The Plans are subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The statute of limitations applicable to the Plans' 2011 federal tax returns expires in July 2015.

6. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The accounting guidance for fair value measurements and disclosures provides a single definition of fair value and requires certain disclosures about assets and liabilities measured at fair value. A hierarchal framework for disclosing the observability of the inputs utilized in measuring assets and liabilities at fair value was established by this guidance. The three levels in the hierarchy are as follows:

Level 1 - Quoted prices are available in active markets for identical assets as of the reporting date. The types of assets included in Level 1 are highly liquid and actively traded instruments with quoted prices, such as listed mutual funds.

Level 2 - Pricing inputs are other than quoted prices in active markets, but are either directly or indirectly observable as of the reporting date. The types of assets included in Level 2 are typically either comparable to actively traded securities or contracts, or priced with models using highly observable inputs, as is the case with preferred stock. The Retirement Target Date Trusts are collective trusts which are not actively traded on an exchange.

Level 3 - Significant inputs to pricing have little or no observability as of the reporting date. The types of assets included in Level 3 are those with inputs requiring significant management judgment or estimation.

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The following tables present, for each of these hierarchy levels, the Plans' assets that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

BU Savings Plan	Dec. 31, 2014			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds:				
U.S. Equities	\$ 156,679,496	\$—	\$—	\$ 156,679,496
International Equities	18,912,915	—	—	18,912,915
Fixed Income	40,006,070	—	—	40,006,070
Balanced Stock and Fixed Income Funds	52,110,960	—	—	52,110,960
VGI Brokerage Option:				
Equity Securities	3,468,710	13,800	—	3,482,510
Cash Equivalents	362,333	—	—	362,333
Debt Securities	862,092	—	—	862,092
Mutual Funds	1,913,532	—	—	1,913,532
Money Market Funds	1,199,654	—	—	1,199,654
Money Market Funds	28,074,626	—	—	28,074,626
Collective Trusts:				
Retirement Target Date Trusts	—	40,621,138	—	40,621,138
Plan Interest in Master Trust (Note 4):				
Xcel Energy Stock Fund	86,343,331	—	—	86,343,331
Total	\$389,933,719	\$40,634,938	\$—	\$430,568,657
	Dec. 31, 2013			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds:				
U.S. Equities	\$ 143,044,111	\$—	\$—	\$ 143,044,111
International Equities	18,768,609	—	—	18,768,609
Fixed Income	38,038,187	—	—	38,038,187
Balanced Stock and Fixed Income Funds	50,961,312	—	—	50,961,312
VGI Brokerage Option:				
Equity Securities	2,833,450	—	—	2,833,450
Cash Equivalents	4,861	—	—	4,861
Debt Securities	1,012,718	—	—	1,012,718
Mutual Funds	1,580,157	—	—	1,580,157
Money Market Funds	30,878,624	—	—	30,878,624
Collective Trusts:				
Retirement Target Date Trusts	—	34,681,554	—	34,681,554
Plan Interest in Master Trust (Note 4):				
Xcel Energy Stock Fund	68,189,143	—	—	68,189,143
Total	\$355,311,172	\$34,681,554	\$—	\$389,992,726

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EIP Savings Plan	Dec. 31, 2014			Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Mutual funds:				
U.S. Equities	\$17,737,313	\$—	\$—	\$17,737,313
International Equities	5,637,806	—	—	5,637,806
Fixed Income	6,389,319	—	—	6,389,319
Balanced Stock and Fixed Income Funds	4,894,421	—	—	4,894,421
VGI Brokerage Option	185,973	—	—	185,973
Money Market Funds	3,078,217	—	—	3,078,217
Collective Trusts:				
Retirement Target Date Trusts	—	8,089,414	—	8,089,414
Plan Interest in Master Trust (Note 4):				
Xcel Energy Stock Fund	45,927,024	—	—	45,927,024
Total	\$83,850,073	\$8,089,414	\$—	\$91,939,487
	Dec. 31, 2013			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds:				
U.S. Equities	\$15,242,156	\$—	\$—	\$15,242,156
International Equities	5,235,057	—	—	5,235,057
Fixed Income	5,362,011	—	—	5,362,011
Balanced Stock and Fixed Income Funds	3,591,154	—	—	3,591,154
VGI Brokerage Option	139,290	—	—	139,290
Money Market Funds	1,750,145	—	—	1,750,145
Collective Trusts:				
Retirement Target Date Trusts	—	6,800,295	—	6,800,295
Plan Interest in Master Trust (Note 4):				
Xcel Energy Stock Fund	37,959,888	—	—	37,959,888
Total	\$69,279,701	\$6,800,295	\$—	\$76,079,996

For the years ended Dec. 31, 2014 and 2013, there were no transfers in or out of Levels 1 or 2.

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7. NON-PARTICIPANT DIRECTED INVESTMENTS

BU Savings Plan

Information about the net assets and the significant components of the changes in net assets relating to each Plan's non-participant directed investments as of Dec. 31, 2014 and 2013, and for the years ended Dec. 31, 2014 and 2013, is as follows:

BU Savings Plan	2014	2013
Net Assets - beginning of year		
Plan interest in Master Trust (Note 4)	\$—	\$60,102,513
Xcel Energy contribution receivable	7,273,586	6,987,522
Total net assets - beginning of year	7,273,586	67,090,035
Changes in Net Assets:		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	—	3,033,056
Xcel Energy contributions	8,416,598	7,273,586
Benefits and dividends paid to participants	—	(6,405,711)
Transfers to participant-directed investments, net	(7,273,586)	(63,717,380)
Net increase (decrease)	1,143,012	(59,816,449)
Net Assets - end of year		
Xcel Energy contribution receivable	8,416,598	7,273,586
Total net assets - end of year	\$8,416,598	\$7,273,586

EIP Savings Plan

Beginning in 2013, Xcel Energy determined it would settle the EIP Savings Plan employer match in cash instead of Xcel Energy common stock for all employee groups included in the Plan. Accordingly, all assets within the Master Trust from 2013 forward were considered participant directed. Prior to 2013, employer matching contributions made in Xcel Energy common stock to the Xcel Energy Stock Fund were considered non-participant directed (Note 1).

8. NOTES RECEIVABLE FROM PARTICIPANTS

The Plans allow participants to borrow against funds held in their account in any amount greater than \$1,000 but less than 50 percent of the participant's vested account balance. In no event can a participant borrow more than \$50,000 less the participant's highest outstanding loan balance during the preceding 12 months. Only one outstanding loan is permitted at any time and may not exceed a period of 5 years for a general-purpose loan or 15 years for a principal residence loan. The loan shall bear a rate of interest equal to the prime rate in effect on the first business day of the month in which the loan request is approved plus one percent, and stays in effect until the loan is repaid. Repayment of the loan plus interest is made through automatic payroll deductions and is credited to each participant's account as paid. If a participant retires or terminates employment for any reason, the outstanding loan balance must be repaid within 90 days from the date of termination, unless the participant elects to continue making monthly installment payments in accordance with the procedures established by the Plan Administrator. For the BU Savings Plan, interest rates on outstanding loans at Dec. 31, 2014 range from 4.25 percent to 9.25 percent with maturities ranging from 2015 to 2029. Interest rates on outstanding loans at Dec. 31, 2013 range from 4.25 percent to 9.25 percent with maturities ranging from 2014 to 2028. For the EIP Savings Plan, interest rates on outstanding loans at Dec. 31, 2014 range from 4.25 percent to 8.25 percent with maturities ranging from 2015 to 2029. Interest rates on outstanding loans at Dec. 31, 2013 range from 4.25 percent to 8.25 percent with maturities ranging from 2014 to 2028.

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9. EXEMPT PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

The Plans' investments include shares of Xcel Energy common stock. For the BU Savings Plan, on the Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits, the value of interest in Master Trust included dividends declared and payable to the Plan of \$715,157 at Dec. 31, 2014, and \$676,575 at Dec. 31, 2013. For the EIP Savings Plan, on the Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits, the value of interest in Master Trust included dividends declared and payable to the Plan of \$380,401 at Dec. 31, 2014, and \$376,640 at Dec. 31, 2013.

The Plans also invest in shares of mutual funds and collective trusts managed by an affiliate of VFTC. VFTC acts as trustee for only those investments as defined by the Plans. Transactions in such investments qualify as party-in-interest transactions that are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules. The BU Savings Plan incurred fees for investment management and recordkeeping services of \$255,945 for the year ended Dec. 31, 2014, and \$136,362 for the year ended Dec. 31, 2013. The EIP Savings Plan incurred fees for investment management and recordkeeping services of \$108,022 for the year ended Dec. 31, 2014, and \$57,293 for the year ended Dec. 31, 2013.

10. INVESTMENTS

At Dec. 31, 2014 and 2013, the market value of each of the following investments was in excess of 5 percent of the Plans' net assets:

	2014	2013	
BU Savings Plan:			
Vanguard PRIMECAP Fund Admiral Shares	\$99,366,257	\$88,989,328	
Plan Interest in Master Trust (Note 4)	86,343,331	68,189,143	
Vanguard Wellington Fund Admiral Shares	52,110,960	50,961,312	
Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Plus Shares	30,032,234	28,051,122	
Vanguard Prime Money Market Fund Institutional Shares	28,074,626	30,878,624	
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund: Institutional Plus Shares	27,245,714	23,541,739	
EIP Savings Plan:			
Plan Interest in Master Trust (Note 4)	\$45,927,024	\$37,959,888	
Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Plus Shares	6,001,623	5,176,606	
Vanguard Developed Markets Index Fund Admiral Shares	4,942,998	—	*
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund: Institutional Plus Shares	4,926,416	—	*
Vanguard Wellington Fund Admiral Shares	4,864,421	—	*
Vanguard Developed Markets Index Fund Admiral	—	* 4,726,148	

* The market value of the fund was not in excess of 5 percent of the Plan's net assets for the year noted.

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During the years ended Dec. 31, 2014 and 2013, the Plans' investments (including gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year) appreciated (depreciated) in value as follows:

	Year Ended Dec. 31	
	2014	2013
BU Savings Plan:		
Mutual funds:		
U.S. Equities	\$ 15,388,426	\$ 35,086,952
International Equities	(1,671,504)	2,425,335
Fixed Income	826,767	(2,762,784)
Balanced Stock and Fixed Income Funds	1,611,755	5,391,226
Retirement Target Date Funds	—	2,425,620
VGI Brokerage Option	94,800	42,296
Collective Trusts:		
Retirement Target Date Trusts	2,477,710	1,666,366
Total	\$ 18,727,954	\$ 44,275,011
Plan interest in Master Trust (Note 4):		
Xcel Energy Stock Fund	\$ 19,228,154	\$ 3,401,314

The BU Savings Plan interest in income from the Master Trust of \$22,195,109 includes interest and dividend income of \$2,966,955 and appreciation of \$19,228,154 for the year ended Dec. 31, 2014. For the year ended Dec. 31, 2013, interest in income from the Master Trust of \$6,245,941 includes interest and dividend income of \$2,844,627 and appreciation of \$3,401,314.

	Year Ended Dec. 31	
	2014	2013
EIP Savings Plan:		
Mutual funds:		
U.S. Equities	\$ 1,666,838	\$ 3,450,004
International Equities	(494,555)	651,139
Fixed Income	124,844	(330,141)
Balanced Stock and Fixed Income Funds	124,208	349,703
Retirement Target Date Funds	—	585,615
VGI Brokerage Option	(91,242)	23,867
Collective Trusts:		
Retirement Target Date Trusts	541,408	358,616
Total	\$ 1,871,501	\$ 5,088,803
Plan interest in Master Trust (Note 4):		
Xcel Energy Stock Fund	\$ 10,399,535	\$ 1,767,876

The EIP Savings Plan interest in income from the Master Trust of \$11,970,715 includes interest and dividend income of \$1,571,180 and appreciation of \$10,399,535 for the year ended Dec. 31, 2014. For the year ended Dec. 31, 2013, interest in income from the Master Trust of \$3,329,489 includes interest and dividend income of \$1,561,613 and appreciation of \$1,767,876.

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11. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits and net increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to net assets and net income per the Form 5500 as of Dec. 31, 2014 and 2013, and for the years ended Dec. 31, 2014 and 2013, as applicable:

BU Savings Plan:

	2014	2013
Net assets available for benefit per the financial statements	\$445,858,024	\$403,727,333
Deemed distributions of participant loans	(15,942)	(17,836)
Net assets available for benefit per the Form 5500	\$445,842,082	\$403,709,497

	2014	2013
Increase in net assets available for benefit per the financial statements	\$42,130,691	\$34,885,498
Transfer of Plan Assets	—	5,830
Deemed distributions activity	1,893	(17,642)
Net income per the 5500	\$42,132,584	\$34,873,686

EIP Savings Plan:

	2014	2013
Net assets available for benefit per the financial statements	\$96,536,871	\$80,479,170
Deemed distributions of participant loans	(4,580)	(4,580)
Net assets available for benefit per the Form 5500	\$96,532,291	\$80,474,590

	2014	2013
Increase in net assets available for benefit per the financial statements	\$16,057,701	\$9,071,562
Transfer of Plan Assets	107,544	492,460
Deemed distributions activity	—	(4,580)
Net income per the 5500	\$16,165,245	\$9,559,442

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 (EIN: 41-0448030) (Plan #005)

Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i

Schedule of Assets (Held at Year End) as of Dec. 31, 2014

Identity of Issue	Investment Type	Cost	Current Value
* Vanguard PRIMECAP Fund Admiral Shares	Registered Investment Company	\$67,229,505	\$99,366,257
* Plan's Interest in Master Trust	Master Trust	54,110,863	86,343,331
* Vanguard Wellington Fund Admiral Shares	Registered Investment Company	44,810,017	52,110,960
* Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Plus Shares	Registered Investment Company	24,981,216	30,032,234
* Vanguard Prime Money Market Fund Institutional Shares	Registered Investment Company	28,074,626	28,074,626
* Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund: Institutional Plus Shares	Registered Investment Company	26,823,675	27,245,714
* Vanguard Developed Markets Index Fund Admiral Shares	Registered Investment Company	17,854,403	16,370,725
* Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fund: Institutional Plus Shares	Registered Investment Company	10,591,051	12,473,793
* Vanguard Target Retirement 2015 Trust I	Common/Collective Trust	9,163,982	9,285,564
* Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Trust I	Common/Collective Trust	8,444,034	8,580,599
* Vanguard Small-Cap Index Fund Admiral Shares	Registered Investment Company	7,855,693	8,064,987
* VGI Brokerage Option	Vanguard Brokerage Option	7,820,121	7,820,121
* PIMCO Total Return Fund; Institutional Class	Registered Investment Company	7,048,447	6,937,464
* Vanguard Value Index Fund Institutional Shares	Registered Investment Company	6,287,735	6,742,225
* Vanguard Inflation-Protected Securities Fund: Admiral Shares	Registered Investment Company	6,330,558	5,822,892
* Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Trust I	Common/Collective Trust	4,855,999	4,933,311
* Vanguard Target Retirement Income Trust I	Common/Collective Trust	4,403,322	4,450,512
* Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Trust I	Common/Collective Trust	3,570,328	3,624,911
* Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index Fund Admiral Shares	Registered Investment Company	2,813,283	2,542,190
* Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Trust I	Common/Collective Trust	2,433,021	2,469,109
* Vanguard Target Retirement 2010 Trust I	Common/Collective Trust	2,284,324	2,303,540
* Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Trust I	Common/Collective Trust	2,264,050	2,298,191
* Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Trust I	Common/Collective Trust	1,180,104	1,198,309
* Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Trust I	Common/Collective Trust	1,131,811	1,148,559
* Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Trust I	Common/Collective Trust	287,786	291,855
* Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Trust I	Common/Collective Trust	36,363	36,678
Total Investments		\$352,686,317	\$430,568,657
* Notes Receivable from Participants, less Deemed Distributions	4.25%-9.25% with maturities ranging from 2015 thru 2029	6,858,004	6,858,004

* Party in Interest

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Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i

Schedule of Assets (Held at Year End) as of Dec. 31, 2014

Identity of Issue	Investment Type	Cost	Current Value
* Plan's interest in Master Trust	Master Trust	\$28,380,851	\$45,927,024
* Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Plus Shares	Registered Investment Company	5,037,785	6,001,623
* Vanguard Developed Markets Index Fund Admiral Shares	Registered Investment Company	5,387,652	4,942,998
* Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund: Institutional Plus Shares	Registered Investment Company	4,848,075	4,926,416
* Vanguard Wellington Fund Admiral Shares	Registered Investment Company	4,423,136	4,894,421
* Vanguard PRIMECAP Fund Admiral Shares	Registered Investment Company	2,812,861	3,986,824
* Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fund: Institutional Plus Shares	Registered Investment Company	2,778,118	3,273,144
* Vanguard Prime Money Market Fund Institutional Shares	Registered Investment Company	3,078,217	3,078,217
* Vanguard Value Index Fund Institutional Shares	Registered Investment Company	2,654,570	2,863,257
* Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Trust I	Common/Collective Trust	2,107,552	2,141,698
* Vanguard Small-Cap Index Fund Admiral Shares	Registered Investment Company	1,567,552	1,612,465
* Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Trust I	Common/Collective Trust	1,012,429	1,028,846
* PIMCO Total Return Fund; Institutional Class	Registered Investment Company	900,097	885,621
* Vanguard Target Retirement 2015 Trust I	Common/Collective Trust	831,615	841,077
* Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Trust I	Common/Collective Trust	786,272	798,429
* Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Trust I	Common/Collective Trust	784,061	795,127
* Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Trust I	Common/Collective Trust	748,471	759,498
* Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index Fund Admiral Shares	Registered Investment Company	769,638	694,808
* Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Trust I	Common/Collective Trust	671,004	683,735
* Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Trust I	Common/Collective Trust	582,512	590,783
* Vanguard Inflation-Protected Securities Fund: Admiral Shares	Registered Investment Company	635,374	577,282
* Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Trust I	Common/Collective Trust	310,431	314,987
* VGI Brokerage Option	Vanguard Brokerage Option	185,973	185,973
* Vanguard Target Retirement Income Trust I	Common/Collective Trust	117,143	118,296
* Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Trust I	Common/Collective Trust	16,703	16,938
Total Investments		\$71,428,092	\$91,939,487
* Notes Receivable from Participants, less Deemed Distributions	4.25%-8.25% with maturities ranging from 2015 thru 2029	\$2,986,861	\$2,986,861
* Party in Interest			

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XCEL ENERGY INC.
SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Xcel Energy Inc. has duly caused this annual report on Form 11-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized on June 26, 2015.

NEW CENTURY ENERGIES, INC. EMPLOYEES' SAVINGS AND
STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN FOR BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES
AND FORMER NON-BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES

NEW CENTURY ENERGIES, INC. EMPLOYEE INVESTMENT
PLAN FOR BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES AND FORMER
NON-BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES

By /s/ Jeffrey S. Savage
 Senior Vice President, Controller
 Member, Pension Trust Administration Committee