

XCEL ENERGY INC  
Form 8-K  
September 02, 2004

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**UNITED STATES  
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) **September 1, 2004**

**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**

**41-0448030**

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(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**800 Nicollet Mall, Mpls, MN**

**55402**

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

**612-330-5500**

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Item 8.01 Other Events

On Sept. 1, 2004, Xcel Energy (NYSE: XEL) announced that its board of directors decided to seek license renewals for the Monticello and Prairie Island nuclear plants in Minnesota.

See additional information in the Press Release filed as exhibit 99.01.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.01	Press Release dated Sept. 1, 2004.

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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/ TERESA S. MADDEN  
Teresa S. Madden  
Vice President and Controller

Sept. 2, 2004

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<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.01	Press Release dated Sept. 1, 2004.