

XCEL ENERGY INC
Form 8-K
February 25, 2002

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)

February 25, 2002

Xcel Energy Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Minnesota

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-3034

41-0448030

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

800 Nicollet Mall, Mpls, MN

55402

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

612-330-5500

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

Item 5. Other Events

Attached as Exhibit 99.01 are the audited financial statements of Xcel Energy Inc. and its subsidiaries for the year ended Dec. 31, 2001 and the management's discussion and analysis.

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 23.01 | Consent of Independent Accountants - Arthur Andersen LLP |
| 23.02 | Consent of Independent Accountants - PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP |
| 99.01 | Excerpts from Xcel Energy Inc. 2001 Annual Report to Shareholders: Management's Discussion and Analysis Consolidated Statements of Income Consolidated Balance Sheets Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity and Comprehensive Income Consolidated Statements of Capitalization Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements Report of Independent Public Accountants |

Forward Looking Statements

This report includes forward-looking statements that are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Such forward-looking statements are intended to be identified in this document by the words anticipate, estimate, expect, objective, outlook, possible, potential and similar expressions. Actual results may vary materially. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include, but are not limited to: general economic conditions, including their impact on capital expenditures; business conditions in the energy industry; competitive factors; unusual weather; changes in federal or state legislation; regulation; risks associated with the California power market; currency translation and transaction adjustments; the higher degree of risk associated with Xcel Energy's nonregulated businesses compared with Xcel Energy's regulated business; and the other risk factors listed from time to time by Xcel Energy in reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), including Exhibit 99.01 to Xcel Energy's report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended Sept. 30, 2001.

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

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