Clark Christopher B Form 4 December 04, 2017

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

SECURITIES

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Check this box if no longer subject to

Section 16.

Form 4 or Form 5 obligations

may continue. See Instruction

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Clark Christopher B

(First)

(Middle)

414 NICOLLET MALL

(Street)

XCEL ENERGY INC [XEL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

11/30/2017

Symbol

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

President, NSPM

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

(City) (State)

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55401

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. Code

TransactionAcquired (A) or (Instr. 8)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

4. Securities

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

6. Ownership Form: Direct (I)

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(Instr. 4)

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

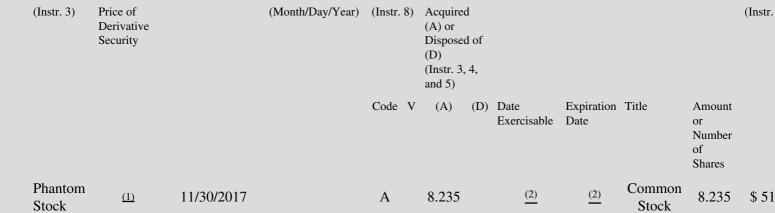
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5. Number 4. Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. Price **Underlying Securities** Deriva (Instr. 3 and 4) Securi

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Clark Christopher B 414 NICOLLET MALL MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55401

President, NSPM

Signatures

Tara M. Stoffel, Attorney in Fact for Christopher B. Clark

12/04/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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) Each share of phantom stock represents the right to receive the cash value of one share of common stock.
- Shares of phantom stock become payable in accordance with the reporting person's distribution elections made pursuant to the Xcel

 Energy Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan"). Subject to certain timing restrictions and other limitations based on the source of the amount deferred, the reporting person may generally transfer some or all of the balance in the Plan's Company stock account into an alternative Plan investment account.
- (3) The number of shares of phantom stock reflects minor adjustments to the number of phantom shares credited to the reporting person's Company stock account due to the unitized nature of the Plan's Company stock fund.

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