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Washington, D.C. 20549Number:3233Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIESExpires:Janual Estimated average burden hours per responseForm 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940Expires:Expires:										
(Print or Type Re	esponses)									
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Sheppard James J.			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol XCEL ENERGY INC [XEL]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 414 NICOLLET MALL			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/17/2018			(Check all applicable) <u></u> Director <u></u> 10% Owner <u></u> Officer (give title <u></u> Other (specify below)				
MINNEAPO	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-l	Derivative	Securities A	Acquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	dly Owned	
	. Transaction Date Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemo Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) Code V	Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	(A) or of (D)	Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Reminder: Repor	rt on a separate line	for each cl	ass of sec	urities bene	Perso inforr requi	ons who res nation cont red to resp ays a curre	or indirectly. spond to the colle tained in this form ond unless the fo ntly valid OMB co	n are not rm	SEC 1474 (9-02)	

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

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	orDerivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or		

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	Derivative Security				Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount o Number o Shares
Stock Equivalent Units	<u>(1)</u>	05/17/2018	А		3,163.842		(1)	(1)	Common Stock	3,163.8

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationsh	nips					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Sheppard James J. 414 NICOLLET MALL MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55401	Х							
Signatures								
Kristin L. Westlund, Attorney Sheppard	in Fact fo		05/18/2018					
<u>**</u> Signature of Report	ing 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 stock equivalent unit is the economic equivalent of one share of common stock. Whole stock equivalent units are payable in shares of common stock following termination of a reporting person's service as a director; fractional units are payable at such time in cash.
- (2) Includes 1,184.945 shares of stock equivalent units acquired pursuant to reinvestment of dividend equivalents.

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