

XCEL ENERGY INC  
Form 8-K  
January 28, 2004

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**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)**

**January 28, 2004**

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**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**

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(Commission File Number)

**800 Nicollet Mall, Mpls, MN**

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(Address of principal executive offices)

**41-0448030**

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(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**55402**

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(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)

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**Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.01	Earnings Release of Xcel Energy dated January 28, 2004

**Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On January 28, 2004, Xcel Energy released earnings results for the fourth quarter of 2003. The release contains material, non-public information.

See additional information in the Earnings Release furnished as exhibit 99.01.

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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/ BENJAMIN G.S. FOWKE III

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Benjamin G.S. Fowke III  
Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and  
Treasurer

January 28, 2004