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Xcel Energy Inc.

ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

11:00 a.m. CDT

**The Florian Gardens
2340 Lorch Avenue
Eau Claire, Wisconsin**

Directions to the Xcel Energy Inc. Annual Meeting are available in the proxy statement which can be viewed at proxydocs.com/XEL.

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the
Shareholder Meeting to be Held on May 18, 2016.**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Xcel Energy Inc. will be held at The Florian Gardens, 2340 Lorch Avenue, Eau Claire, Wisconsin on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. CDT.

This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

The Proxy Statement and Annual Report are available at www.proxydocs.com/XEL

If you want to receive a paper copy or an e-mail with links to the electronic materials, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed on the reverse side of this notice on or before May 6, 2016 to facilitate timely delivery.

Matters intended to be acted upon at the meeting are listed below.

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR the following proposals:

1. Election of Directors

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| Gail K. Boudreaux | Richard T. O'Brien | A. Patricia Sampson | Kim Williams |
| Richard K. Davis | Christopher J. Policinski | James J. Sheppard | Timothy V. Wolf |
| Ben Fowke | James T. Prokopanko | David A. Westerlund | |

2. Approval of executive compensation in an advisory vote

3. Ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as Xcel Energy Inc.'s independent registered public accounting firm for 2016

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote AGAINST the following proposal:

4. Shareholder proposal on the separation of the roles of the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

THIS IS NOT A FORM FOR VOTING

You may immediately vote your proxy on the Internet at:

Use the Internet to vote your proxy 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, until 11:59 p.m. (EDT) on May 17, 2016.

Please have this Notice and the last four digits of your Social Security Number or Tax Identification Number available. Follow the instructions to vote your proxy.

Your Internet vote authorizes the Named Proxies to vote your shares in the same manner as if you marked, signed and returned your proxy card.

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Telephone Call us free of charge at 866-870-3684 in the U.S. or Canada, using a touch-tone phone, and follow the instructions to log in and order copies.

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