

XCEL ENERGY INC  
Form 8-K  
November 17, 2008

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 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) **Nov. 14, 2008**

**Xcel Energy Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Minnesota**  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

**001-3034**  
(Commission

File Number)

**41-0448030**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

**414 Nicollet Mall**  
**Minneapolis, Minnesota**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**55401**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **612-330-5500**

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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On Nov. 14, 2008, Public Service Company of Colorado (PSCo), a Colorado Corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of Xcel Energy Inc., filed with the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) a request for a Colorado retail electric general rate increase.

The rate filing requests an overall increase in annual revenues of approximately \$174.7 million, or an increase of 7.4 percent. The rate filing is based on a 2009 calendar year budget and includes a requested rate of return on equity of 11.00 percent, an electric net rate base of approximately \$4.15 billion allocated to the Colorado electric retail jurisdiction, and an equity ratio of 58.08 percent. PSCo expects new rates to be effective in the third quarter of 2009.

**SIGNATURE**

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)

By

/s/ Benjamin G.S. Fowke III  
Benjamin G.S. Fowke III  
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Nov. 17, 2008