

XCEL ENERGY INC  
Form 8-K  
February 08, 2002

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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) **February 8, 2002**

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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)

**41-0448030**

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(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**800 Nicollet Mall, Mpls, MN**

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(Address of principal executive offices)

**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 5. Other Events

Xcel Energy officials said recent published reports of merger talks naming specific companies were untrue and that the company continues to review its options with regard to subsidiary NRG Energy.

For more information, see the Press Release attached as exhibit 99.01.

This report includes forward-looking statements that are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Such forward-looking statements are intended to be identified in this document by the words anticipate, estimate, expect, objective, outlook, possible, potential and similar expressions. Actual results may vary materially. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include, but are not limited to: general economic conditions, including their impact on capital expenditures; business conditions in the energy industry; competitive factors; unusual weather; changes in federal or state legislation; regulation; risks associated with the California power market; currency translation and transaction adjustments; the higher degree of risk associated with Xcel Energy's nonregulated businesses compared with Xcel Energy's regulated business; and the other risk factors listed from time to time by Xcel Energy in reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), including Exhibit 99.01 to Xcel Energy's report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended Sept. 30, 2001.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

| <b>Exhibit<br/>Number</b> | <b>Description of Exhibits</b>                      |
|---------------------------|---|
| 99.01                     | Press Release of Xcel Energy dated February 8, 2002 |

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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/

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David E. Ripka  
Vice President and Controller

February 8, 2002