

XCEL ENERGY INC
Form 8-K
April 18, 2006

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) **April 14, 2006**

Xcel Energy Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Minnesota

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-3034

(Commission File Number)

800 Nicollet Mall, Mpls, MN
(Address of principal executive offices)

41-0448030

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

55402
(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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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01. Other Events

In a series of filings on April 14, 2006 with the Colorado Public Utilities Commission, Xcel Energy has proposed to increase certain electricity rates by \$210 million, related to Colorado system investments and purchased power contracts, beginning Jan. 1, 2007.

See additional information in the news release filed as exhibit 99.01.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | | Description |
|--------------------|--|--------------------|
| 99.01 | Xcel Energy News Release dated April 14, 2006. | |

SIGNATURES

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

April 17, 2006