

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**

**41-0448030**

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(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**800 Nicollet Mall, Mpls, MN**

**55402**

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(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 Inc. announced its non-utility natural gas marketing and trading subsidiary, e prime inc., has reached a settlement agreement with the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission with respect to allegations that e prime submitted inaccurate information to industry publications.

See additional information in the Press Release filed as exhibit 99.01.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.01	Press Release dated January 28, 2004.

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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