XCEL ENERGY INC Form 4 April 04, 2006

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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Form 5 obligations may continue.

See Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

800 NICOLLET MALL

(Last)

(Instr. 3)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LESHER CYNTHIA L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

XCEL ENERGY INC [XEL]

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/31/2006

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

VP, Xcel Energy Services Inc.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year)

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) (Instr. 4)

Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. Price Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transactionof **Expiration Date** Underlying Securities Derivat Security or Exercise Code Derivative (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Security any

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Securities (Instr. 5 Derivative Acquired (A) or Security Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amount Exercisable Date or Number of Shares Phantom Common (1) (1) \$0 03/31/2006 Α 4.75 4.75 \$ 18. Stock Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LESHER CYNTHIA L 800 NICOLLET MALL MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402

VP, Xcel Energy Services Inc.

Signatures

Carol J. Peterson, Attorney-in-Fact for Cynthia L. Lesher 04/04/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Shares of phantom stock are payable in cash following termination of reporting person's employment.

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