

Historical Information

Xcel Energy Inc. was formed in August 2000 by the merger of **Northern States Power Company** and **New Century Energies, Inc.** **Northern States Power Company** (NSP) shareholders received 1 share of Xcel Energy Inc. for each share of Northern States Power (CUSIP 665772109). It is **not** necessary to exchange your NSP certificate.

New Century Energies, Inc. (NCE) shareholders received 1.55 shares of Xcel Energy for each share of New Century Energies. Certificates **must** be exchanged in order to receive the Xcel Energy dividends earned on your shares. If your shares were held in Direct Registration or in the NCE Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Payment Plan, your shares were automatically exchanged into Xcel Energy.

NOTE: If you hold NCE certificates, contact EQ Shareowner Services toll-free at 877-778-6786 for instructions to submit your certificates for exchange.

New Century Energies, Inc. was formed in 1997 as the result of the merger of **Public Service Company of Colorado** and **Southwestern Public Service Company**.

Public Service Company of Colorado shareholders exchanged their shares one for one for shares of NCE.

Southwestern Public Service Company shareholders exchanged their shares at the rate of .95 share of NCE per share of Southwestern Public Service.

NOTE: If you hold certificates for either of these companies, please contact EQ Shareowner Services toll-free at 877-778-6786 for additional information.

Stock Splits

PSCO	2-for-1 on 05/22/50 3-for-1 on 05/01/62
SPS	2-for-1 on 01/19/66
NSP	2-for-1 on 06/13/86 2-for-1 on 06/01/98