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## Section 1: 8-K (8-K)

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**UNITED STATES  
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 22, 2017

<b>Commission File Number</b>	<b>Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter; State of Incorporation; Address of Principal Executive Offices; and Telephone Number</b>	<b>IRS Employer Identification Number</b>
001-3034	XCEL ENERGY INC. (a Minnesota corporation) 414 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401 (612) 330-5500	41-0448030

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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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 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(d) Election of Director.

On February 22, 2017, the Board of Directors of Xcel Energy Inc. (the Company) elected Daniel Yohannes to the Board of Directors, effective March 1, 2017, for a term expiring at the Company's 2017 annual meeting of shareholders. The Board has not made a determination regarding any committee assignments for Mr. Yohannes. Mr. Yohannes will receive compensation for his Board service consistent with the compensation received by the Company's other non-employee directors, as disclosed in the Company's Schedule 14A, Definitive Proxy Statement filed on April 4, 2016 (file no. 001-03034), prorated from the commencement of his service on the Board to the date of the 2017 annual shareholders meeting.

A copy of the News Release announcing this change to the Board of Directors is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.01.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.01	Press Release dated February 22, 2017.

**SIGNATURE**

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.

February 22, 2017

**Xcel Energy Inc.** (a Minnesota corporation)

By:

/s/ Judy M. Poferl

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Judy M. Poferl

Senior Vice President, Corporate Secretary and  
Executive Services

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<u>Exhibit</u>	<u>Description</u>
<a href="#">99.01</a>	Press Release dated February 22, 2017.

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## Section 2: EX-99.01 (EXHIBIT 99.01)

**Exhibit 99.01**



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## Xcel Energy Board elects new member

Experienced leader in banking and renewable energy joins board of directors

**Minneapolis** Feb. 22, 2017- Daniel Yohannes has been elected to Xcel Energy's board of directors, effective March 1, 2017.

Yohannes most recently served as the U.S. Ambassador to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), an international forum promoting economic growth, prosperity, sustainable development and energy security through better policies. Prior to that appointment, he served as Chief Executive Officer of Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), a U.S. government development agency that provides grants for investments in, among other things, energy and power infrastructure in developing countries to create self-sustaining power systems and support economic development.

"We're pleased to welcome Daniel and believe he will be a valuable addition to our board, complementing the already-strong experience of our directors," said Ben Fowke, chairman, president and CEO of Xcel Energy. "He brings extraordinary experience in infrastructure and economic development, as well as excellence in managing complex stakeholder relationships. His passion for protecting the environment and addressing environmental issues in economic and sustainable ways are in line with our core values and will serve Xcel Energy well."

Prior to his government service, Yohannes specialized in financial services and the renewable energy sector. During more than three decades in financial services, he held several leadership roles including Vice Chairman and Member of the Management Committee of U.S. Bank. Yohannes co-founded the New Resource Bank which invests in environmentally sustainable businesses. In addition, he has led organizations that promote renewable energy.

Yohannes is active in his community of Denver, Colorado and has served on several nonprofit boards, such as the board of Project C.U.R.E, an organization that delivers donated medical supplies to developing countries worldwide. He received a bachelor's degree in economics from Claremont McKenna College and earned a Master of Business Administration from Pepperdine University.

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### About Xcel Energy

Xcel Energy (NYSE: XEL) provides the energy that powers millions of homes and businesses across eight Western and Midwestern states.

Headquartered in Minneapolis, the company is an industry leader in responsibly reducing carbon emissions and producing and delivering clean energy solutions from a variety of renewable sources at competitive prices. For more information, visit [xcelenergy.com](http://xcelenergy.com) or follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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