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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) August 21, 2018

<u>Commission File Number</u>	<u>Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter; State of Incorporation; Address of Principal Executive Offices; and Telephone Number</u>	<u>IRS Employer Identification Number</u>
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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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 August 21, 2018, the Board of Directors of Xcel Energy Inc. (the Company) elected Lynn Casey to the Board of Directors, for a term expiring at the Company's 2019 annual meeting of shareholders. Ms. Casey will serve on the Finance Committee and the Operations, Nuclear, Environmental and Safety Committee (ONES). Ms. Casey will receive compensation for her 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 3, 2018 (file no. 001-03034), prorated from the commencement of her service on the Board to the date of the 2019 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 August 21, 2018.

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.

August 21, 2018

Xcel Energy Inc. (a Minnesota corporation)

/s/ Judy M. Poferl

Judy M. Poferl

Senior Vice President, Corporate Secretary and
Executive Services

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Section 2: EX-99.01 (EXHIBIT 99.01)

Exhibit 99.01



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Xcel Energy board elects new board member

Minneapolis Aug. 21, 2018—Lynn Casey has been elected to Xcel Energy's board of directors, effective immediately. An executive with extensive experience in brand strategy and investor, corporate, and media relations, Casey is nationally recognized as an industry leader in building and protecting brands.

Casey is currently chair of Padilla, a Minneapolis-based public relations and communications firm recently acquired by AVENIR Global in Montreal. With more than 35 years of experience, Casey served as CEO of Padilla for 17 years. She was the driving force behind enhancing the company's strategic offerings, turning the local company into a fully integrated branding and communications powerhouse.

"We are delighted to welcome Lynn to the board and look forward to the contributions she will make as a member of our tremendously talented team of directors," said Ben Fowke, chairman, president and CEO of Xcel Energy. "Lynn's extraordinary experience in creating and delivering high-impact communication strategies, her forward-thinking approach and her strong commitment to the local community will serve Xcel Energy well."

Casey currently serves as vice chair on the board of the University of Minnesota Foundation, and previously chaired both the Greater Twin Cities United Way board of directors and Meet Minneapolis. She is also actively involved in Minnesota Women's Economic Roundtable and the Itasca Project, a group committed to raising the economic competitiveness of the region. Casey has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of North Dakota, a Master of Arts degree in journalism and mass communications from the University of Minnesota and a Masters of Business Administration from the University of St. Thomas.

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About Xcel Energy

Xcel Energy (NASDAQ: 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](https://www.xcelenergy.com) or follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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