

XCEL ENERGY INC  
Form 8-K  
October 22, 2004

## 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) **October 22, 2004**

### Xcel Energy Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Minnesota**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**1-3034**

(Commission File Number)

**41-0448030**

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**800 Nicollet Mall, Mpls, MN**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**55402**

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **612-330-5500**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On October 22, 2004, Xcel Energy released earnings results for the third quarter of 2004. The release contains material, non-public information.

See additional information in the Earnings Release furnished as exhibit 99.01.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.01	Earnings Release of Xcel Energy dated October 22, 2004

**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  
Benjamin G.S. Fowke III  
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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