

XCEL ENERGY INC  
Form 35-CERT  
July 02, 2003

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

CERTIFICATE OF NOTIFICATION  
under Rule 24 of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935

APPLICATION/DECLARATION ON FORM U-1  
OF XCEL ENERGY INC.  
(File No. 70-10096)

This Certificate of Notification is filed by Xcel Energy Inc. ( Xcel Energy ), a Minnesota corporation, in connection with the transactions proposed in the Application-Declaration filed on Form U-1, as amended (the Application ), in File No. 70-10096 and authorized by the order of the Securities and Exchange Commission issued on May 29, 2003 (Release No. 35-27681). Capitalized terms used herein but not otherwise defined shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Application. Pursuant to Rule 24 of the Act, Xcel Energy hereby certifies that on June 25, 2003 the Board of Directors of Xcel Energy declared a quarterly dividend of 18.75 cents per share on its outstanding common stock. The dividend is payable on July 20, 2003 to shareholders of record on July 7, 2003. All or a portion of such dividend will be paid from capital and/or unearned surplus of Xcel Energy.

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EX-F-2 Past Tense Opinion of Counsel

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended, the undersigned company has duly caused this document to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Xcel Energy Inc.

By: /s/ Richard C. Kelly

Richard C. Kelly  
Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer

Dated: July 2, 2003