

XCEL ENERGY INC  
Form 8-K  
October 22, 2003

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**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, 2003**

**Xcel Energy Inc.**

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Minnesota**

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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**1-3034**

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(Commission File Number)

**41-0448030**

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(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**800 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN**

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(Address of principal executive offices)

**55402**

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(Zip Code)

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

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

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**Item 5. Other Events**

Xcel Energy (NYSE: XEL) today named Richard C. Kelly, 57, president and chief operating officer, positions that had been held by Wayne H. Brunetti, the company's chairman and chief executive officer. Kelly previously was vice president and chief financial officer. Benjamin G.S. Fowke III, 45, previously vice president and treasurer, was named to replace Kelly as CFO. He retains the role of treasurer.

See additional information in the Press Release filed as exhibit 99.01.

**Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.01	Press Release dated October 22, 2003.

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**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/ Richard C. Kelly

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Richard C. Kelly  
President and Chief Operating Officer

October 22, 2003