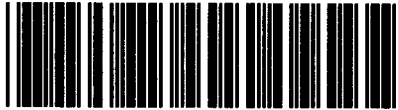




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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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) **August 9, 2006**

Xcel Energy Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Minnesota

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-3034

(Commission File Number)

41-0448030

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

414 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN
(Address of principal executive offices)

55401
(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

Beginning on Aug. 9, 2006, Xcel Energy plans to present financial information at Midwest investor meetings.

See additional information in the presentation furnished as an exhibit in Item 9.01.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibit

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.01	Midwest Investor Meeting Presentation.

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.

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(a Minnesota Corporation)

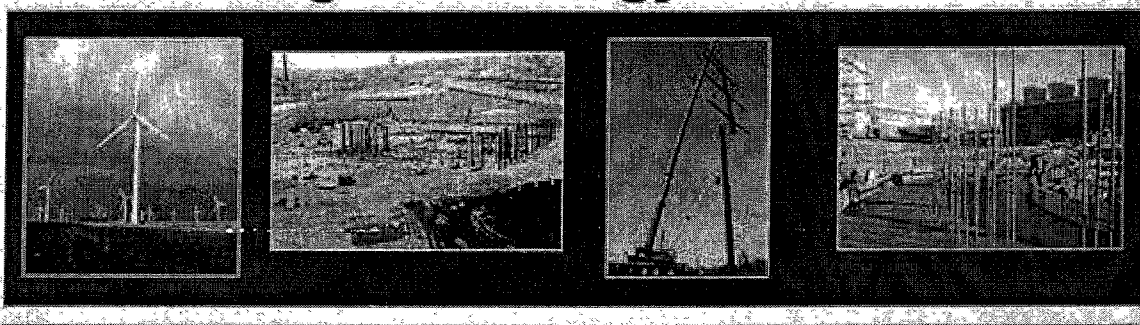
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Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Aug. 9, 2006

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Building the Core Executing the Strategy



Midwest Investor Meetings
August 9 – 10, 2006

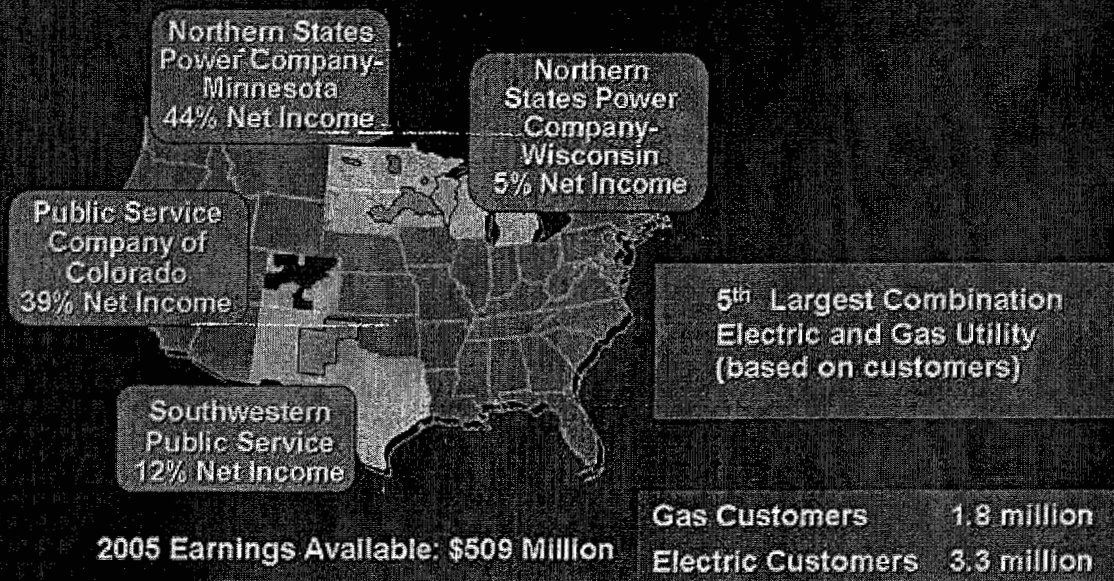
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Safe Harbor

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Strategy: Building the Core

**Invest in fully regulated utility assets
AND
Increase our earned return on equity**

Regulatory and Legislative Policy

Investing in the Core

Regulatory Recovery

Financial Results

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Attractive Total Return with Low-Risk Strategy

- EPS growth rate objective 5 – 7% per year*
2005 – 2009
- Annual dividend growth objective 2 – 4% per year
- Dividend yield \approx 4.5%

* Excluding any impact from Corporate Owned Life Insurance

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Getting the Rules Right

Achieved

- Minnesota transmission legislation for renewables 2001
- MERP legislation 2001
- Comanche 3 regulatory framework 2004
- Transmission investment recovery legislation
 - Minnesota 2005
 - Texas 2005
 - South Dakota 2006
- Rider recovery of environmental investments including Minnesota 90% mercury reduction target

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Getting the Rules Right

In Process

- Rider recovery of Colorado capacity costs – proposed
- Flow through recovery of SPS Texas capacity costs – rule making proceeding
- Reduce exposure to trading and marketing margin volatility – Minnesota electric case

Future Initiatives

- Forward test year in all jurisdictions

Building the Core — Transmission CapX 2020: Collaborative Effort

Three project groups to:

- Maintain/improve reliability
- Support new generation
- Reduce constraints

———— Group I

Defined with Further Study,
Dependent on Future Need:

———— Group II

———— Group III



CapX 2020 — 3 Project Groups

Group I — In-service 2011 – 2012	Total Cost
S.E. Twin Cities-Rochester-LaCrosse WI / 345kV	\$1.3 Billion
Bemidji-Grand Rapids / 230 kV	
Fargo-St. Cloud/Monticello area / 345 kV	Xcel Share
Brookings, S.D. - SE Twin Cities / 345 kV	\$700 Million

Group II — In-service 2014 – 2020
New 345 kV transmission loop around the Twin Cities

Group III — In-service 2012 – 2020
As needed and generation projects developed

Preliminary Estimated Total > \$3 Billion

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Xcel Energy Investment Pipeline



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Evaluation of Investments

- Significant investment opportunities beyond forecast
- Allocation of capital based on:
 - Customer need
 - Supportive regulatory treatment
 - Risk-adjusted return
- Incremental investment driven by economic signals

Increased customer and shareholder value

Increasing Our Earned Return on Equity

Rate Cases with 2006 Impacts

Dollars in millions

	<u>Dollar Increase</u>		<u>Return on Equity</u>	
	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Granted</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Granted</u>
Colorado Gas	\$34.5	\$22.0	11.0%	10.5%
Wisconsin Electric	53.1	43.4	11.9	11.0
Wisconsin Gas	7.8	3.9	11.9	11.0

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Minnesota Electric Rate Case Highlights

- Requested \$156 million increase
- Interim rates effective January 2006, subject to refund
- Electric rate base = \$3.2 billion
- 11% return on common equity
- Equity ratio = 52%
- Forecast test year

Minnesota Electric Rate Case ALJ Recommendation

- \$135 million increase 2006 –
reduced to \$119 million increase 2007
- 10.65% return on common equity
- Commission deliberation August 2006
- Written order September 2006

Colorado Electric Rate Case Highlights

- Requested \$210 million increase
- Electric rate base = \$3.4 billion
- 11% return on common equity
- Equity ratio = 60%
- Historical test year with adjustments for known and measurable
- Final decision expected late 2006
- Rates expected to be in effect early 2007

Colorado Electric Rate Schedule

- Intervenor testimony — August 18
- Rebuttle testimony — September 29
- Hearings — October 23 through November 9
- Statement of positions — November 20
- Deliberations — December 1
- Initial decision — December 18

Texas Electric Rate Case Highlights

- Requested \$48 million increase
- Electric rate base = \$943 million
- 11.6% return on common equity
- Equity ratio = 51%
- Historical test year with adjustments for known and measurable
- Rates expected to be in effect 1st Quarter 2007

Potential Additional Rate Cases with 2007 Impact

Colorado Gas	File 2006
Minnesota Gas	File 2006
North Dakota Electric	Potential
New Mexico Electric	Potential
South Dakota Electric	Potential

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Earnings Guidance Range

Dollars per share

	<u>2006</u>
Regulated utility	\$1.25 – \$1.35
Holding company and other	(0.10)
COLI – tax benefit	<u>0.10</u>
Continuing operations	\$1.25 – \$1.35

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Financial Performance Objectives

- EPS growth rate 2005 – 2009
— Target 5 – 7% per year*
- Annual dividend increases of 2 – 4% per year
- Deliver an attractive total return with low risk
- Credit rating
— Senior unsecured debt BBB+ to A range

* Excluding any impact from COLI

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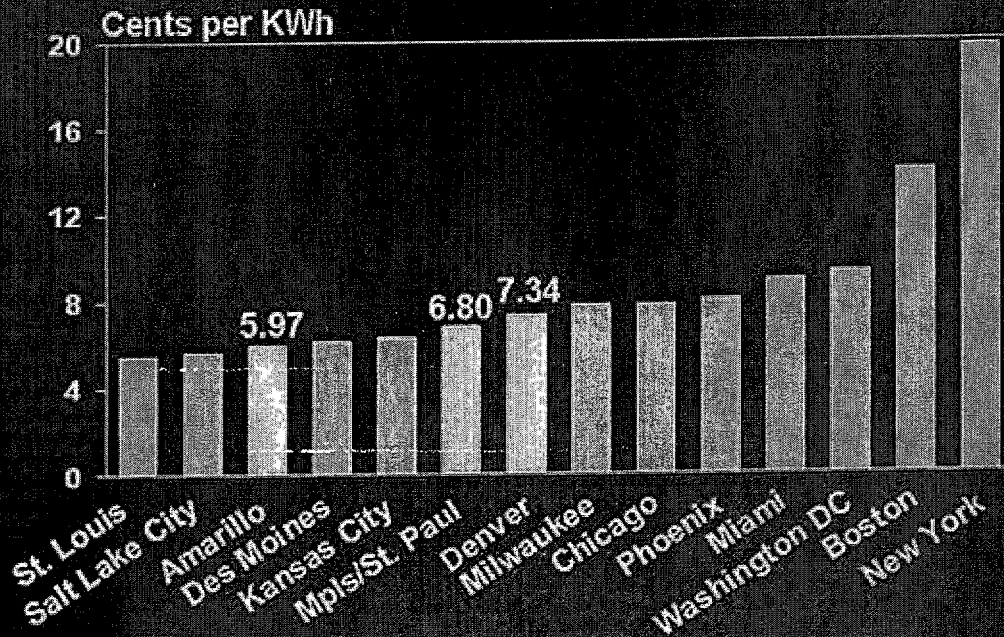
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Senior Debt Ratings

Holding Co.	Secured			Unsecured		
	<u>Fitch</u>	<u>Moody's</u>	<u>S&P</u>	<u>Fitch</u>	<u>Moody's</u>	<u>S&P</u>
				BBB+	Baa1	BBB-
NSPM	A+	A2	A-	A	A3	BBB-
NSPW	A+	A2	A-	A	A3	BBB
PSCo	A-	A3	A-	BBB+	Baa1	BBB-
SPS				A-	Baa1	BBB

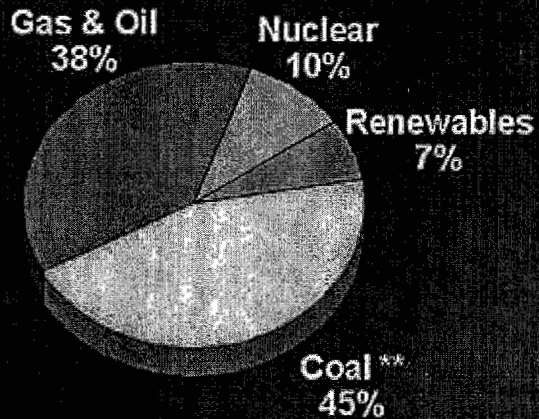
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2005 Average Retail Electric Rate Comparison



Xcel Energy Supply Sources

**2005
Energy Supply Mix***



* Includes purchases
 ** Low-sulfur western coal

**2005 Owned
Generating Facilities**

Unit Type	Number	MW
Coal	36	8,138
Natural Gas	61	4,918
Nuclear	3	1,617
Hydro	83	508
Oil	24	492
RDF	6	96
Wind	-	25*
Total		15,794

* Xcel Energy supplies in excess of 1100 MWs of wind power

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Nuclear Relicensing Status

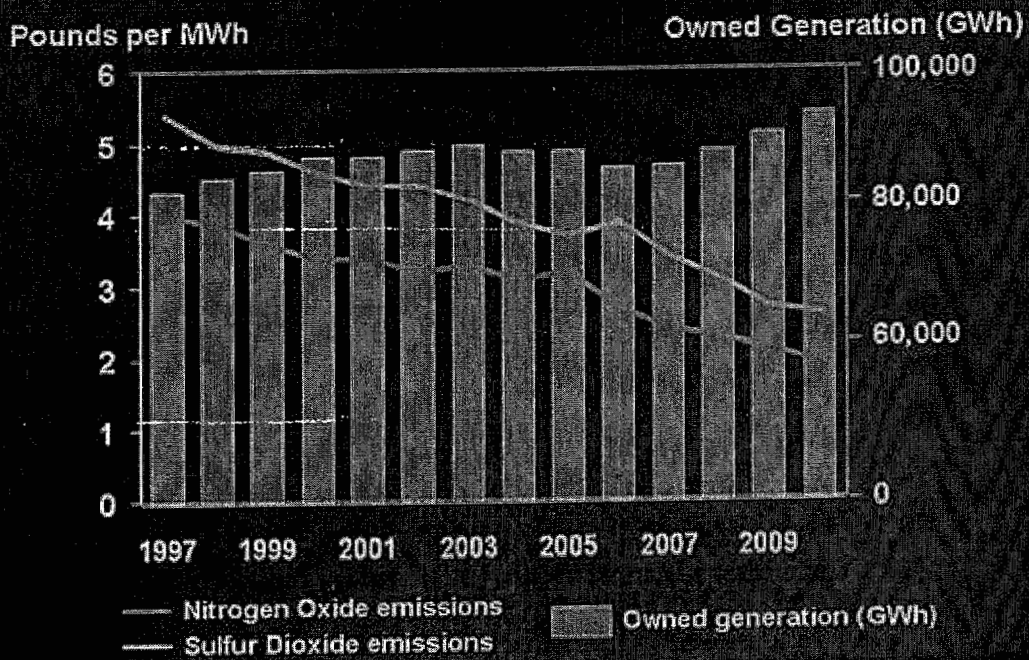
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- Minnesota PUC, legislative and NRC approvals expected 2006 – 2007
- Life Cycle modifications to be installed 2008 – 2012, projected capital cost of \$150 – 200 million

Prairie Island

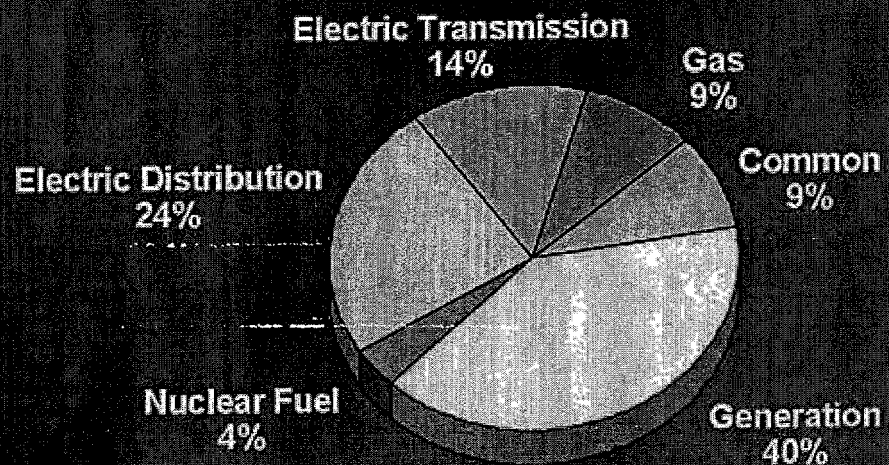
- Begin license application to the NRC and Minnesota Legislature in 2008
- Life Cycle modifications under evaluation
- Approvals expected 2010 – 2011

Xcel Energy – An Environmental Leader



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Capital Expenditures 2006 — 2009



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Minnesota Metro Emissions Reduction Program (MERP) \$1 Billion

- Convert two in-city coal plants to natural gas & refurbish a third in-city coal plant

- Improves environment

SO ₂	NOx	Mercury	Particulate	CO ₂
↓ 93%	↓ 91%	↓ 78%	↓ 55%	↓ 21%

- Cash return on investment began January 2006
- Target ROE 10.86% with incentive sliding scale 9.97 to 11.46%
- Equity ratio 48.5%



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- 18 Months – application to construction
- Major contracts signed for turbine generator, boiler and air quality control system – within budget
- Began construction in October 2005. Major contractors start May 2006
- Construction completed fall 2009
 - New unit \$1.1 B
 - Transmission \$150 M
 - Retrofit 1 & 2 \$127 M

Minnesota Cost Recovery Mechanisms

- Projected electric fuel and purchased energy costs billed for the current month with subsequent true-up; MISO costs recovered through FCA on interim basis, with final recovery mechanism being developed by stakeholders
- Projected purchased gas cost billed for the current month with subsequent true-up
- Conservation Improvement Program rider which provides recovery of program costs plus incentives
- Emission Reduction Program, Renewable Development Fund, and State Energy Policy rider in place,
- Renewable Transmission rider in place; General Transmission rider authorized by law
- Mercury Reduction and Environmental Improvement rider authorized by law

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Minnesota Electric Case — Partial Settlement of Trading Margin

- No credit to base rates for wholesale electric margins
- Margins to be flowed through fuel clause include:
 - 100% wholesale electric margins from excess generation capacity
 - 80% of wholesale margins from ancillary services sales
 - 25% of margins not arising from use of NSP-Minnesota generating assets

Colorado Cost Recovery Mechanisms

- Energy Cost Adjustment recovers electric fuel and purchased energy costs for retail load with a maximum gain or loss of \$11.25 million
- Monthly Gas Cost Adjustment recovers the cost of the natural gas commodity, interstate pipeline and storage costs on a dollar-for-dollar basis
- Purchased Capacity Adjustment recovers the demand component of purchased power contracts (through 2006)
- Fuel Cost Adjustment recovers 100% of electric fuel and purchased energy costs for wholesale customers
- Demand-side Management Cost Adjustment rider (gas and electric) Air Quality Improvement rider (to recover cost of emissions controls on several Denver metro generation facilities)

Colorado Electric Rate Case Details

Dollars in millions

Under earning: 8.5% ROE vs 10.75%	\$ 64
Increase ROE to 11% and higher equity ratio	17
Comanche 3	24
Depreciation	33
Wholesale contract expiration	14
Employee related costs	6
Other	20
	<u>\$178</u>
PCCA impact & amendment 37 rider	32
Total requested	<u>\$210</u>

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2005 Jurisdictional Returns

	Rate Base*	Return on Equity**	
		Actual	Weather- Normalized
Colorado Electric	\$3,120	8.5%	
Colorado Gas	1,084	7.00	9.98%
Minnesota Electric	3,230	10.61	7.42
Minnesota Gas	422	6.30	12.65
North Dakota Electric	176	12.46	6.81
North Dakota Gas	42	5.71	
Wisconsin Electric	613	6.26***	
Wisconsin Gas	83		

* Dollars in millions

** Reflects regulatory reporting requirements

*** Electric and Gas

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Earnings Growth Drivers

	<u>2005*</u>	<u>2009 Potential</u>	<u>Annual Growth Rate</u>
Rate Base	\$10.9 B	\$13 B	4.5%
Regulatory Equity Capitalization	52%	52 – 54%	0 to 1%
Earned Return on Utility Rate Base Equity	9.5%	10.5 to 11%	2.5 to 3.5%

* Estimated regulatory results

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Corporate Owned Life Insurance Litigation (COLI)

The court's opinion in the Dow case outlined three indicators of potential economic benefits to be examined in a COLI case.

- Positive pre-deduction cash flows
- Mortality gains
- The buildup of cash values

In Xcel Energy's COLI case, the plans:

- Were projected to have sizeable pre-deduction cash flows, based upon the relevant assumptions when purchased
- Presented the opportunity for mortality gains that were not eliminated either retroactively or prospectively
- Had large cash value increases that were not encumbered by loans during the first seven years of the policies

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