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) December 20, 2021

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 Minnesota (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)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to s	simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the regi	istrant under any of the following provisions:
$\hfill \square$ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities	Act (17 CFR 230.425)	
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☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) un	nder the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))	
☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) un	nder the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))	
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act		
Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$2.50 par value	XEL	Nasdaq Stock Market LLC
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR $\S 240.12b\text{-}2).$	company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities.	Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities
Emerging growth company \square		
If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the regist standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. \Box	trant has elected not to use the extended transition \Box	on period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On December 20, 2021, Xcel Energy Inc. ("Xcel Energy") announced that, effective March 1, 2022, Jeff Savage will become Xcel Energy's Chief Audit and Financial Services Officer and will cease serving in his current role. Mr. Savage currently serves as Xcel Energy's Senior Vice President, Controller and as principal accounting officer. Xcel Energy intends to appoint a new principal accounting officer prior to March 1, 2022.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On December 20, 2021, Xcel Energy issued a press release relating to the announcement described in Item 5.02 as well as other leadership changes. A copy of the press release is being furnished as Exhibit 99.01 to this Form 8-K.

The information (including Exhibit 99.01) being furnished pursuant to this "Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disdosure" shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit</u> <u>Description</u>

99.01 Press Release dated December 20, 2021.

104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

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.

Xcel Energy Inc. (a Minnesota corporation)

By: /s/ AMY SCHNEIDER

Name: Amy Schneider

Title: Vice President, Corporate Secretary and Securities

Date: December 20, 2021