

Eves David L  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Eves David L</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE CO ("SPS"), Â 6TH AND TYLER - SPS TOWER</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>AMARILLO, Â TX Â 79101</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>12/13/2006</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>XCEL ENERGY INC [XEL]</p> | <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)</p> <p>President and CEO, SPS / Xcel</p> <p>Energy owns 100% of SPS</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> | <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock                       | 17,077   | D   | Â  |
| Common Stock                       | 2,723.513  | I   | 401K   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security | 4. Conversion or Exercise | 5. Ownership Form of | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---|---|--|---------------------------|----------------------|--|
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|                      | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | (Instr. 4)<br>Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |   |
|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|
| Phantom Stock        | Â (1)            | Â (1)           | Common Stock        | 56,641                     | \$ 0                         | D  | Â |
| Option, right to buy | Â (2)            | 12/15/2007      | Common Stock        | 7,285                      | \$ 30.8468                   | D  | Â |
| Option, right to buy | Â (2)            | 12/13/2008      | Common Stock        | 5,890                      | \$ 31.0081                   | D  | Â |
| Option, right to buy | Â (2)            | 12/12/2009      | Common Stock        | 6,975                      | \$ 20.0403                   | D  | Â |
| Option, right to buy | Â (2)            | 12/12/2010      | Common Stock        | 5,900                      | \$ 27.9375                   | D  | Â |
| Option, right to buy | Â (2)            | 12/12/2011      | Common Stock        | 17,300                     | \$ 25.9                      | D  | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                          |                              |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other                        |
| Eves David L<br>SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE CO<br>("SPS")<br>6TH AND TYLER - SPS TOWER<br>AMARILLO, TX 79101 | Â             | Â         | Â President and CEO, SPS | Xcel Energy owns 100% of SPS |

## Signatures

Tara M. DeGeest, Attorney-in-Fact for David L. Eves  
 Date: 12/26/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Shares of phantom stock are payable in cash following termination of reporting person's employment.
- (2) Option Grant exercisable dates are based on a vesting schedule of a pro-rated portion of each grant, which is unique to, and dictated by the plan under which the specific option grant was authorized.

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