

XCEL ENERGY INC  
Form 8-K  
October 25, 2012

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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) Oct. 25, 2012

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Commission File Number	Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter; State of Incorporation; Address of Principal Executive Offices; and Telephone Number	IRS Employer Identification Number
001-3034	XCEL ENERGY (a Minnesota corporation) 414 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401 (612) 330-5500	41-0448030
000-31387	NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY (a Minnesota corporation) 414 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401 (612) 330-5500	41-1967505
001-03140	NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY (a Wisconsin corporation) 1414 W. Hamilton Avenue Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54701 (715) 737-2625	39-0508315
001-3280	PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO (a Colorado corporation) 1800 Larimer, Suite 1100 Denver, Colorado 80202 (303) 571-7511	84-0296600
001-03789	SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY	75-0575400

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(a New Mexico corporation)  
Tyler at Sixth  
Amarillo, Texas 79101  
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On Oct. 25, 2012, Xcel Energy released earnings results for the third quarter of 2012.

See additional information in the Earnings Release furnished as exhibit 99.01.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
<u>99.01</u>	Earnings Release of Xcel Energy dated Oct. 25, 2012.

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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.

Oct. 25, 2012

Xcel Energy Inc.  
(a Minnesota corporation)  
Northern States Power Company  
(a Minnesota corporation)  
Northern States Power Company  
(a Wisconsin corporation)  
Public Service Company of Colorado  
(a Colorado corporation)  
Southwestern Public Service Company  
(a New Mexico corporation)

/s/ TERESA S. MADDEN  
Teresa S. Madden  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer

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