

XCEL ENERGY INC  
Form FWP  
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Free Writing Prospectus

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**XCEL ENERGY INC.**

**(a Minnesota corporation)**

**\$400,000,000 2.40% SENIOR NOTES, SERIES DUE MARCH 15, 2021**

**\$350,000,000 3.30% SENIOR NOTES, SERIES DUE JUNE 1, 2025**

Issuer: Xcel Energy Inc. (a Minnesota corporation)

Issue Format: SEC Registered

Expected Ratings\*: A3/BBB+/BBB+ (Moody s/Standard & Poor s/Fitch)

Security Type: Senior Notes

Pricing Date: March 3, 2016

Settlement Date: March 8, 2016 (T+3)

	2021 Bonds	2025 Bonds
Principal Amount:	\$400,000,000	\$350,000,000 (Reopening of 3.30% Senior Notes, Series due June 1, 2025, of which \$250,000,000 was previously issued on June 1, 2015), for a total principal amount outstanding of \$600,000,000
Maturity Date:	March 15, 2021	June 1, 2025
Interest Payment Dates:	Semi-annually on March 15 and September 15, beginning on September 15, 2016	Semi-annually on June 1 and December 1, beginning on June 1, 2016

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Reference Benchmark:	1.125% due February 28, 2021	1.625% due February 15, 2026
Benchmark Price:	98-31+	98-02
Benchmark Yield:	1.336%	1.839%
Re-offer Spread:	+107 bps	+137 bps
Re-offer Yield:	2.406%	3.209%
Coupon:	2.40%	3.30% (interest on the 2025 Bonds will accrue from December 1, 2015)
Price to Public:	99.972%	100.685% of the 2025 Bonds, plus accrued interest from December 1, 2015 to but excluding March 8, 2016 (the total amount of accrued interest on March 8 will be \$8.89 per \$1,000 principal amount of the 2025 Bonds)
Net Proceeds to Issuer:	\$397,488,000 (before transaction expenses)	\$350,122,500 (before transaction expenses)
Make-Whole Call:	Prior to February 15, 2021 (the par call date for the 2021 Bonds), T+20 bps (calculated to the par call date for the 2021 Bonds)	Prior to December 1, 2024 (the par call date for the 2025 Bonds), T+20 bps (calculated to the par call date for the 2025 Bonds)
Par Call:	On or after February 15, 2021, at par	On or after December 1, 2024, at par
Minimum Denominations:	\$1,000	\$1,000
CUSIP/ISIN:	98389BAS9 / US98389BAS97	98389BAR1 / US98389BAR15

Joint Book-Running  
Managers:

Barclays Capital Inc.

BNP Paribas Securities Corp.

Mitsubishi UFJ Securities (USA), Inc.

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Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC

Wells Fargo Securities, LLC

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