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Extension:

Schedule 13E-4F, OMB Control No. 3235-0375, SEC File No. 270-340.

Form F-X, OMB Control No. 3235-0379, SEC File No. 270-336.

Form DF, OMB Control No. 3235-0482, SEC File No. 270-430.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collections of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit these existing collections of information to the Office of Management and Budget for approval.

Schedule 13E-4F (OMB Control No. 3235-0375; SEC File No. 270-340) may be used by any foreign private issuer if: (1) The issuer is incorporated or organized under the laws of Canada; (2) the issuer is making a cash tender or exchange offer for the issuer's own securities; and (3) less than 40 percent of the class of such issuer's securities outstanding that is the subject of the tender offer is held by U.S. holders. The information collected must be filed with the Commission and is publicly available. We estimate that it takes 2 burden hours to prepare Schedule 13E-4F and that the information is filed by 3 respondents for a total of 6 burden hours.

Form F-X (OMB Control No. 3235-0379; SEC File No. 270-336) is used to appoint an agent for service of process by Canadian issuers registering securities on Form F-7, F-8, F-9 or F-10 or filing periodic reports on Form 40-F under the Exchange Act. The information collected must be filed with the Commission and is publicly available. We estimate that it takes 2 hours to prepare and is filed 129 respondents for a total of 258 burden hours.

Form DF (OMB Control No. 3235-0482; SEC File No. 270-430) allows registrants to identify a filing that was filed late because of electronic filing difficulties in order to preserve the timeliness of the filing. The information collected must be filed with the Commission and is publicly available. We estimate that it takes 12 minutes to prepare and is filed by an estimated 500 respondents for a total annual burden of 100 hours.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether these proposed collection of information are necessary for the performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Please direct your written comment to Kenneth A. Fogash, Acting Associate Executive Director/CIO, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: August 22, 2003.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Pub. L. 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold the following meeting during the week of September 1, 2003:

A Closed Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 2, 2003 at 2 p.m.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the Closed Meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters may also be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3), (4), (5), (7), (9)(B) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(3), (4), (5), (7), (9)(ii) and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the Closed Meeting.

The subject matter of the Closed Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 2, 2003 will be: Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings of an enforcement nature; Institution and settlement of injunctive actions; Regulatory matter involving enforcement implications; Formal orders of investigation; and Adjudicatory matter.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items.

For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted, or postponed, please contact the Office of the Secretary at (202) 942-7070.

Dated: August 26, 2003.

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-27716]

Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as Amended ("Act")

August 22, 2003.

Notice is hereby given that the following filings have been made with the Commission pursuant to provisions of the Act and rules promulgated under the Act. All interested persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transaction(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declaration(s) and any amendment(s) is/are available for public inspection through the Commission's Branch of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the application(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by September 15, 2003 to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC 20549-0609, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/or declarant(s) at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in the case of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing should identify specifically the issues of facts or law that are disputed. A person who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of any notice or order issued in the matter. After September 15, 2003, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

Xcel Energy Inc. (70-10072)

Xcel Energy Inc., a registered holding company, 800 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402 ("Declarant" or "Xcel Energy") has filed a declaration under section 12(d) of the Act and rules 44 and 54 under the Act.

Declarant requests authority to sell its ownership interest in Black Mountain Gas Company, a Minnesota corporation and gas utility company ("Black