

<b>TIMELINESS</b> 3 Raised 12/31/21	High: 27.8	29.9	31.8	37.6	38.3	45.4	52.2	54.1	66.1	76.4	72.9	75.5					<b>Target Price Range</b>			
<b>SAFETY</b> 1 Raised 5/1/15	Low: 21.2	25.8	26.8	27.3	31.8	35.2	40.0	41.5	47.7	46.6	57.2	63.8					<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	
<b>TECHNICAL</b> 3 Lowered 4/8/22	<b>LEGENDS</b> 0.68 x Dividends p sh divided by Interest Rate ... Relative Price Strength Options: Yes Shaded area indicates recession																			
<b>BETA</b> .80 (1.00 = Market)																				

**18-Month Target Price Range**  
**Low-High** Midpoint (% to Mid)  
 \$58-\$89 \$74 (0%)

**2025-27 PROJECTIONS**

High	Price	Gain	Ann'l Total Return
Low	80	(+10%)	5%
	65	(-15%)	Nil

**Institutional Decisions**

	202021	3Q2021	4Q2021
to Buy	381	355	449
to Sell	344	343	338
Hlds(000)	412491	411220	413762

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	© VALUE LINE PUB. LLC		25-27
24.16	23.40	24.69	21.08	21.38	21.90	20.76	21.92	23.11	21.72	21.90	22.46	22.44	21.98	21.45	24.69	<b>26.50</b>	<b>27.25</b>	Revenues per sh		29.50
3.61	3.45	3.50	3.48	3.51	3.79	4.00	4.10	4.28	4.56	5.04	5.47	5.92	6.25	6.61	7.08	<b>7.75</b>	<b>8.30</b>	"Cash Flow" per sh		10.00
1.35	1.35	1.46	1.49	1.56	1.72	1.85	1.91	2.03	2.10	2.21	2.30	2.47	2.64	2.79	2.96	<b>3.15</b>	<b>3.35</b>	Earnings per sh A		4.00
.88	.91	.94	.97	1.00	1.03	1.07	1.11	1.20	1.28	1.36	1.44	1.52	1.62	1.72	1.83	<b>1.95</b>	<b>2.08</b>	Div'd Decl'd per sh B = †		2.50
4.00	4.89	4.66	3.91	4.60	4.53	5.27	6.82	6.33	7.26	6.42	6.54	7.70	8.05	9.99	7.80	<b>9.65</b>	<b>9.00</b>	Cap'l Spending per sh		9.00
14.28	14.70	15.35	15.92	16.76	17.44	18.19	19.21	20.20	20.89	21.73	22.56	23.78	25.24	27.12	28.70	<b>30.15</b>	<b>31.65</b>	Book Value per sh C		37.00
407.30	428.78	453.79	457.51	482.33	486.49	487.96	497.97	505.73	507.54	507.22	507.76	514.04	524.54	537.44	544.03	<b>547.00</b>	<b>550.00</b>	Common Shs Outst'g D		561.00
14.8	16.7	13.7	12.7	14.1	14.2	14.8	15.0	15.4	16.5	18.5	20.2	18.9	22.3	23.9	22.5	<b>Bold figures are Value Line estimates</b>		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio		18.5
.80	.89	.82	.85	.90	.89	.94	.84	.81	.83	.97	1.02	1.02	1.19	1.23	1.23			Relative P/E Ratio		1.05
4.4%	4.0%	4.7%	5.1%	4.5%	4.2%	3.9%	3.9%	3.8%	3.7%	3.3%	3.1%	3.3%	2.7%	2.6%	2.8%			Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield		3.4%

**CAPITAL STRUCTURE** as of 12/31/21  
 Total Debt \$23385 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$4911 mill.  
 LT Debt \$21779 mill. LT Interest \$809 mill.  
 Incl. \$73 mill. finance leases.  
 (LT interest earned: 2.9x)

Leases, Uncapitalized Annual rentals \$69 mill.  
 Pension Assets-12/21 \$3670 mill.  
 Pfd Stock None

Common Stock 544,213,730 shs.  
 as of 2/17/22

**MARKET CAP: \$40 billion (Large Cap)**

**ELECTRIC OPERATING STATISTICS**

	2019	2020	2021
% Change Retail Sales (KWH)	-1.2	-2.3	+1.4
Large C & I Use (MWH)	NA	NA	NA
Large C & I Revs. per KWH (c)	5.96	5.78	6.60
Capacity at Peak (Mw)	NA	NA	NA
Peak Load, Summer (Mw)	20146	19665	19849
Annual Load Factor (%)	NA	NA	NA
% Change Customers (yr-end)	+1.0	NA	NA

**ANNUAL RATES**

	Past 10 Yrs.	Past 5 Yrs.	Est'd '19-'21 to '25-'27
Revenues	5%	5%	4.5%
"Cash Flow"	6.5%	7.5%	7.0%
Earnings	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%
Dividends	5.5%	6.0%	6.5%
Book Value	5.0%	5.0%	5.5%

**QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.)**

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2019	3141	2577	3013	2798	11529
2020	2811	2586	3182	2947	11526
2021	3541	3068	3467	3355	13431
2022	<b>3850</b>	<b>3250</b>	<b>3800</b>	<b>3600</b>	<b>14500</b>
2023	<b>3950</b>	<b>3400</b>	<b>3950</b>	<b>3700</b>	<b>15000</b>

**EARNINGS PER SHARE A**

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2019	.61	.46	1.01	.56	2.64
2020	.56	.54	1.14	.54	2.79
2021	.67	.58	1.13	.58	2.96
2022	<b>.71</b>	<b>.62</b>	<b>1.20</b>	<b>.62</b>	<b>3.15</b>
2023	<b>.75</b>	<b>.65</b>	<b>1.30</b>	<b>.65</b>	<b>3.35</b>

**QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B = †**

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2018	.36	.38	.38	.38	1.50
2019	.38	.405	.405	.405	1.60
2020	.405	.43	.43	.43	1.70
2021	.43	.4575	.4575	.4575	1.80
2022	.4575	.4875			

**BUSINESS:** Xcel Energy Inc. is the parent of Northern States Power, which supplies electricity to Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota & Michigan & gas to Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota & Michigan; P.S. of Colorado, which supplies electricity & gas to Colorado; & Southwestern Public Service, which supplies electricity to Texas & New Mexico. Customers: 3.7 mill. elec.,

2.1 mill. gas. Elec. rev. breakdown: res'l, 31%; sm. comm'l & ind'l, 36%; lg. comm'l & ind'l, 18%; other, 15%. Generating sources not avail. Fuel costs: 43% of revs. '21 reported deprec. rate: 3.5%. Has 11,300 employees. Chairman: Ben Fowke. President & CEO: Bob Frenzel. Inc.: MN. Address: 414 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401. Tel.: 612-330-5500. Internet: www.xcelenergy.com.

**As usual, Xcel Energy is active in the regulatory arena.** The company's largest rate case is that of Northern States Power in Minnesota. NSP filed for electric rate hikes of \$396 million in 2022, \$150 million in 2023, and \$131 million in 2024, based on a return on equity of 10.2% and a common-equity ratio of 52.5%. NSP also filed for a gas increase of \$36 million, based on a 10.5% ROE and the same equity ratio. Interim hikes of \$247 million (electric) and \$25 million (gas) took effect at the start of 2022. Public Service of Colorado filed for a gas increase of \$107 million (excluding revenues now being recovered through surcharges), followed by \$40 million in 2023 and \$41 million in 2024, based on an ROE of 10.25% and a common-equity ratio of 55.7%. New tariffs are expected to take effect in November. Southwestern Public Service is awaiting a ruling in Texas on a settlement that would raise rates by \$89 million, retroactive to March 15, 2021. Besides these pending cases, the company received rate relief in Wisconsin at the start of 2022, in New Mexico at the end of February, and in Colorado (electric) at the start of April.

**Rate relief is helping produce steady earnings growth.** Some of the increases are for placing renewable-energy projects in the rate base. Management is also controlling operating expenses effectively, despite inflationary pressures. Our 2022 earnings estimate is at the midpoint of Xcel's guidance of \$3.10-\$3.20 a share. We assume no disallowance of the extraordinary gas costs that NSP incurred last year; the Minnesota commission is considering whether there was any imprudence. **We expect another solid profit increase in 2023.** Once again, rate relief should be a key factor. The earnings growth we look for would be within the company's annual goal of 5%-7%. **The board raised the dividend, effective with the April payment.** The increase was \$0.03 a share (6.6%) quarterly. Xcel's goals for the dividend are 5%-7% growth and a payout ratio of 60%-70%. **This high-quality stock has a dividend yield that is a cut below the utility average.** The issue doesn't stand out for the next 18 months or the 3- to 5-year period.

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(A) Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrecurring gain (losses): '10, 5c; '15, (16c); '17, (5c); gains (loss) on discontinued ops.: '06, 1c; '09, (1c); '10, 1c. '20 EPS don't sum due to rounding. Next earnings report due April 28. (B) Div'ds historically paid mid-Jan., Apr., July, and Oct. Div'd reinvestment plan available. † Shareholder investment plan available. (C) Incl. intangibles. In '21: \$2738 mill., \$4.42/sh. (D) In mil. (E) Rate base: Varies. Rate allowed on com. eq. (blended): 9.6%; earned on avg. com. eq., '21: 10.6%. Regulatory Climate: Average.