

XCEL ENERGY INC  
Form 8-K  
June 18, 2014

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) June 17, 2014

| 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 |
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| 001-3034               | XCEL ENERGY<br>(a Minnesota corporation)<br>414 Nicollet Mall<br>Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401<br>(612) 330-5500                              | 41-0448030                         |
| 001-3280               | PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO<br>(a Colorado corporation)<br>1800 Larimer Street Suite 1100<br>Denver, Colorado 80202<br>(303) 571-7511 | 84-0296600                         |

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events

On June 17, 2014, Public Service Company of Colorado (PSCo), a wholly owned subsidiary of Xcel Energy Inc., filed an electric rate case in Colorado with the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for an overall increase in annual revenue of approximately \$137.7 million, or 4.86 percent. The request includes the initiation of a Clean Air Clean Jobs Act (CACJA) rider as part of the overall 2015 rate case request of approximately \$95 million, as well as additional amounts for calendar years 2016 and 2017. The CACJA rider is anticipated to increase revenue recovery by approximately \$40 million in 2016 and then decline to approximately \$36 million in 2017. The CACJA costs would be subject to true-up to actuals for each of the three years. PSCo's objective is to establish a multi-year regulatory plan that provides certainty for PSCo and its customers. This plan would accomplish that objective.

The rate filing is based on a 2015 test year, a requested return on equity of 10.35 percent, a jurisdictional electric rate base of \$6.39 billion and an equity ratio of 56 percent. As part of the filing, PSCo will transfer approximately \$19.9 million from the transmission rider to base rates. This transfer will not impact customer bills. The CACJA rider is projected to recover incremental investment and expenses, based on a comprehensive plan to retire certain coal plants, add pollution control equipment to other existing coal units and add natural gas generation. The CACJA project investment is expected to be completed by 2017.

A CPUC decision is anticipated in the first quarter of 2015 with the implementation of final rates anticipated in the first quarter of 2015.

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Except for the historical statements contained in this 8-K, the matters discussed herein, including the expected impact of rate cases, are forward-looking statements that are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Such forward-looking statements are intended to be identified in this document by the words “anticipate,” “believe,” “estimate,” “expect,” “intend,” “may,” “objective,” “outlook,” “plan,” “project,” “possible,” “potential,” “should” and similar expressions. results may vary materially. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and we do not undertake any obligation to update them to reflect changes that occur after that date. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include, but are not limited to: general economic conditions, including inflation rates, monetary fluctuations and their impact on capital expenditures and the ability of Xcel Energy Inc. and its subsidiaries (collectively, Xcel Energy) to obtain financing on favorable terms; business conditions in the energy industry; including the risk of a slow down in the U.S. economy or delay in growth recovery; trade, fiscal, taxation and environmental policies in areas where Xcel Energy Inc. and PSCo have a financial interest; customer business conditions; actions of credit rating agencies; competitive factors including the extent and timing of the entry of additional competition in the markets served by Xcel Energy Inc. and its subsidiaries; unusual weather; effects of geopolitical events, including war and acts of terrorism; state, federal and foreign legislative and regulatory initiatives that affect cost and investment recovery, have an impact on rates or have an impact on asset operation or ownership or impose environmental compliance conditions; structures that affect the speed and degree to which competition enters the electric and natural gas markets; costs and other effects of legal and administrative proceedings, settlements, investigations and claims; financial or regulatory accounting policies imposed by regulatory bodies; availability of cost of capital; employee work force factors; and the other risk factors listed from time to time by Xcel Energy Inc. and PSCo in reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including Risk Factors in Item 1A and Exhibit 99.01 of Xcel Energy Inc.’s and PSCo’s Annual Reports on Form 10-K for the year ended Dec. 31, 2013 and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2014.

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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.

June 18, 2014

Xcel Energy Inc.  
(a Minnesota corporation)  
Public Service Company of Colorado  
(a Colorado corporation)

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