

The Depository Trust Company

IMPORTANT

B#: 0544

DATE: September 01, 2000

TO: All Participants

CATEGORY: Corporate Trust Services

FROM: Thomas Amendola

ATTENTION: Operations Manager

SUBJECT: Addition to the List of Direct Registration System (DRS)/
Profile Modification System Issues

Wells Fargo Shareowner Services, LPA 7806 has informed DTC that Xcel Energy Inc., CUSIP 98389B100 will be processed in the DRS/Profile Modification System. Xcel Energy is the result of the merger between New Century Energies, Inc., CUSIP 64352U103 and Northern States Power, Inc., CUSIP 665772109. Xcel Energy will be eligible for the DRS/Profile Modification System effective September 5, 2000. Please refer to DTC's PTS function "RIPS" for further information regarding this corporate action.

A DRS transaction advice will be issued for the distribution of shares held directly by brokers, in their nominee name, and for shares held directly by beneficial holders. DTC Participants will receive their proceeds as an allocation to their Participant account.

This issue will be identified with special indicators on the Eligible Corporate Securities File (ELISC) and (ELISCD) on CCF and Eligible Securities Inquiry (CONI) on PTS effective September 1, 2000.

As a reminder, if an indicator is not selected when submitting a W/T request for a DRS eligible issue, the W/T request will be rejected.

For further information, please contact your Participant Services representative. This Important Notice may also be viewed on our Web site at "www.dtc.org."