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December 29, 2017

Mr. Jeffrey Thomas  
Chief, IT Services  
Division of Corporation Finance  
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission  
100 F Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Dear Mr. Thomas:

This is to certify that on December 29, 2017 The Nasdaq Stock Market (the "Exchange") received from Xcel Energy Inc. (the "Registrant") a copy of the Registrant's application on Form 8-A 12(b) for the registration of the following securities:

Common Stock, \$2.50 par value

We further certify that the securities described above have been approved by the Exchange for listing and registration upon official notice of issuance.

We understand that the Registrant is seeking immediate acceleration of the effective date of registration, and we hereby join in such request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "AGolub", written over a horizontal line.