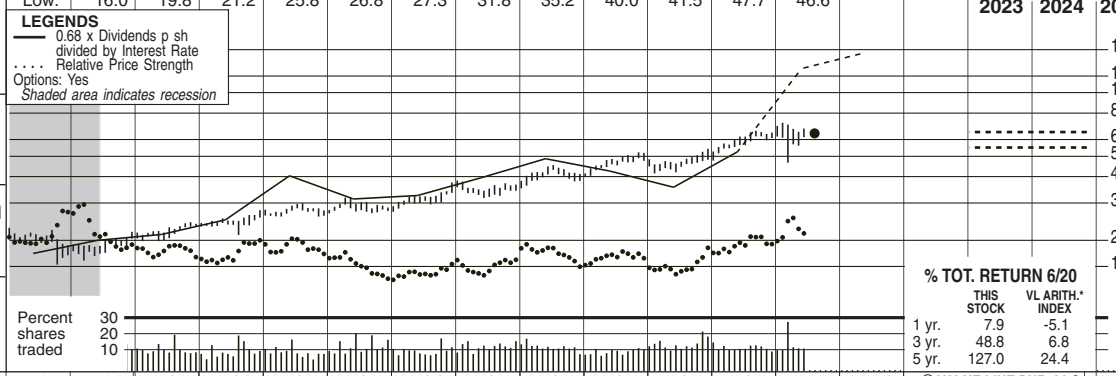
XCEL ENERGY NDQ-XEL

RECENT PRICE	P/E RATIO		RELATIVE P/E RATIO	DIV'D YLD	
64.17	23.3	(Trailing: 24.8 Median: 16.0)	1.13	2.8%	VALUE LINE

TIMELINESS 3 Lowered 9/20/19
SAFETY 1 Raised 5/1/15
TECHNICAL 1 Raised 7/24/20
BETA .75 (1.00 = Market)

High:	21.9	24.4	27.8	29.9	31.8	37.6	38.3	45.4	52.2	54.1	66.1	72.1
Low:	16.0	19.8	21.2	25.8	26.8	27.3	31.8	35.2	40.0	41.5	47.7	46.6

Target Price Range
2023 | 2024 | 2025



18-Month Target Price Range

Low-High	Midpoint (% to Mid)
$47-$99	$73 (15%)

2023-25 PROJECTIONS

	Price	Gain	Ann'l Total Return
High	65	(Nil)	4%
Low	55	(-15%)	Nil

Institutional Decisions

	3Q2019	4Q2019	1Q2020
to Buy	347	395	365
to Sell	333	320	378
Hld's(000)	407757	409339	407479

% TOT. RETURN 6/20

	THIS STOCK	VL ARITH.* INDEX
1 yr.	7.9	-5.1
3 yr.	48.8	6.8
5 yr.	127.0	24.4

2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	© VALUE LINE PUB. LLC	23-25
20.84	23.86	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	*19.10*	*20.30*	Revenues per sh	*22.75*
3.27	3.28	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	*6.50*	*7.05*	"Cash Flow" per sh	*8.50*
1.27	1.20	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	*2.75*	*2.90*	Earnings per sh A	*3.50*
.81	.85	.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*	*1.82*	Div'd Decl'd per sh B ■	*2.15*
3.19	3.25	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	*6.70*	*7.05*	Cap'l Spending per sh	*8.50*
12.99	13.37	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	*27.20*	*28.45*	Book Value per sh C	*32.25*
400.46	403.39	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	*539.00*	*542.00*	Common Shs Outst'g D	*548.00*
13.6	15.4	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	*Bold figures are*		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	*17.0*
.72	.82	.80	.89	.82	.85	.90	.89	.94	.84	.81	.83	.97	1.02	1.02	1.21	*Value Line*		Relative P/E Ratio	*.95*
4.7%	4.6%	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%	*estimates*		Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	*3.6%*

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 3/31/20
Total Debt $19877 mill. **Due in 5 Yrs** $4990 mill.
LT Debt $17010 mill. **LT Interest** $721 mill.
Incl. $77 mill. capitalized leases.
(LT interest earned: 2.9x)

Leases, Uncapitalized Annual rentals $262 mill.
Pension Assets-12/19 $3184 mill. **Oblig** $3701 mill.
Pfd Stock None

Common Stock 525,170,820 shs.
as of 4/30/20
MARKET CAP: $34 billion (Large Cap)

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021		23-25
10311	10655	10128	10915	11686	11024	11107	11404	11537	11529	*10300*	*11000*	Revenues ($mill)	*12500*
727.0	841.4	905.2	948.2	1021.3	1063.6	1123.4	1171.0	1261.0	1372.0	*1445*	*1570*	Net Profit ($mill)	*1865*
37.5%	35.8%	33.2%	33.8%	33.9%	35.8%	34.1%	30.7%	12.6%	8.5%	*Nil*	*Nil*	Income Tax Rate	*Nil*
11.7%	9.4%	10.8%	13.4%	12.5%	7.7%	7.8%	9.4%	12.4%	8.3%	*10.0%*	*8.0%*	AFUDC % to Net Profit	*8.0%*
53.1%	51.1%	53.3%	53.3%	53.0%	54.1%	56.3%	55.9%	56.4%	56.8%	*57.0%*	*57.0%*	Long-Term Debt Ratio	*57.5%*
46.3%	48.9%	46.7%	46.7%	47.0%	45.9%	43.7%	44.1%	43.6%	43.2%	*43.0%*	*43.0%*	Common Equity Ratio	*42.5%*
17452	17331	19018	20477	21714	23092	25216	25975	28025	30646	*34175*	*35950*	Total Capital ($mill)	*41700*
20663	22353	23809	26122	28757	31206	32842	34329	36944	39483	*41025*	*42600*	Net Plant ($mill)	*48300*
5.7%	6.5%	6.1%	6.0%	6.0%	5.8%	5.7%	5.8%	5.7%	5.6%	*5.5%*	*5.5%*	Return on Total Cap'l	*5.5%*
8.9%	9.9%	10.2%	9.9%	10.0%	10.0%	10.2%	10.2%	10.3%	10.4%	*10.0%*	*10.0%*	Return on Shr. Equity	*10.5%*
8.9%	9.9%	10.2%	9.9%	10.0%	10.0%	10.2%	10.2%	10.3%	10.4%	*10.0%*	*10.0%*	Return on Com Equity E	*10.5%*
3.6%	4.3%	4.7%	4.5%	4.5%	4.3%	4.0%	3.9%	4.3%	4.4%	*3.5%*	*4.0%*	Retained to Com Eq	*4.0%*
59%	56%	54%	54%	55%	57%	61%	62%	58%	58%	*63%*	*63%*	All Div'ds to Net Prof	*63%*

ELECTRIC OPERATING STATISTICS

	2017	2018	2019
% Change Retail Sales (KWH)	-.7	+3.2	-1.2
Large C & I Use (MWH)	22642	23004	NA
Large C & I Revs. per KWH (¢)	6.36	5.91	5.96
Capacity at Peak (Mw)	NA	NA	NA
Peak Load, Summer (Mw)	19591	20293	20146
Annual Load Factor (%)	NA	NA	NA
% Change Customers (yr-end)	+.9	+1.1	+1.0
Fixed Charge Cov. (%)	330	281	272

ANNUAL RATES of change (per sh)	Past 10 Yrs.	Past 5 Yrs.	Est'd '17-'19 to '23-'25
Revenues	-.5%	.5%	*.5%*
"Cash Flow"	5.5%	7.5%	*6.5%*
Earnings	5.5%	5.0%	*6.0%*
Dividends	5.0%	6.5%	*6.0%*
Book Value	4.5%	4.5%	*5.0%*

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY REVENUES ($ mill.) Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2017	2946	2645	3017	2796	11404
2018	2951	2658	3048	2880	11537
2019	3141	2577	3013	2798	11529
2020	2811	*2189*	*2700*	*2600*	*10300*
2021	*3000*	*2400*	*2850*	*2750*	*11000*

Cal-endar	EARNINGS PER SHARE A Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2017	.47	.45	.97	.42	2.30
2018	.57	.52	.96	.42	2.47
2019	.61	.46	1.01	.56	2.64
2020	.56	*.54*	*1.10*	*.55*	*2.75*
2021	*.65*	*.55*	*1.15*	*.55*	*2.90*

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B ■ Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2016	.32	.34	.34	.34	1.34
2017	.34	.36	.36	.36	1.42
2018	.36	.38	.38	.38	1.50
2019	.38	.405	.405	.405	1.60
2020	.405	.43	.43		

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: 39% of revs. '19 reported depr. rate: 3.3%. Has 11,300 empls. Chairman & CEO: Ben Fowke. President & COO: Bob Frenzel. Inc.: MN. Address: 414 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401. Tel.: 612-330-5500. Internet: www.xcelenergy.com.

Xcel Energy's utilities have reached settlements on pending rate cases. The New Mexico commission approved a settlement calling for a $31 million electric increase for Southwestern Public Service, based on a 9.45% return on equity and a 54.8% common-equity ratio. New tariffs took effect on May 28th. In Texas, SPS reached a "black box" agreement calling for an $88 million hike without specifying an allowed ROE or common-equity ratio. A ruling from the state regulators is expected in the current quarter, with the increase retroactive to September of 2019. Public Service of Colorado, the state commission's staff, and intervenors have reached a settlement calling for a gas rate increase of $76.9 million, based on a 9.2% ROE and a 55.6% common-equity ratio. If the regulators approve the agreement, new tariffs will be implemented on April 1, 2021, retroactive to November of 2020.

Xcel believes it can reduce expenses enough to offset the effects of the recession on kilowatt-hour sales. Cost cuts should enable operating and maintenance expenses to decline 4%-5% in 2020. Accordingly, management did not adjust its earnings guidance of $2.73-$2.83 a share for this year. Our estimate of $2.75 a share is unchanged. We have also stuck with our 2021 estimate of $2.90 a share. This would produce profit growth of 5%, which is within the company's annual goal of 5%-7%.

At least one rate case is upcoming. P.S. of Colorado plans to put forth an electric application later this summer. Northern States Power is considering filing for new electric and gas tariffs in Minnesota in November, but might well postpone its case if it can reach an agreement with the commission that compensates the utility for the decline in volume.

This high-quality stock has been one of the top performers in the electric utility industry in 2020. While the prices of most electric equities have fallen more than 10%, Xcel is almost unchanged from yearend 2019, thanks in part to its maintaining profit guidance. The dividend yield is a percentage point below the industry average, and with the recent quotation near the top of our 2023-2025 Target Price Range, total return potential is low.

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(A) Diluted EPS. Excl. nonrecurring gain (losses): '10, 5¢; '15, (16¢); '17, (5¢); gains (losses) on discontinued ops.: '04, (30¢); '05, 3¢; '06, 1¢; '09, (1¢); '10, 1¢. '17 EPS don't sum due to rounding. Next earnings report due late July. (B) Div'ds historically paid mid-Jan., Apr., July, and Oct. ■ Div'd reinvestment plan available. (C) Incl. intangibles. In '19: $5.60/sh. (D) In mill. (E) Rate base: Varies. Rate allowed on com. eq. (blended): 9.6%; earned on avg. com. eq., '19: 10.8%. Regulatory Climate: Average.

Company's Financial Strength	A+
Stock's Price Stability	95
Price Growth Persistence	60
Earnings Predictability	100

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