

CMS ENERGY CORP  
Form 8-K  
August 29, 2017

**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) **August 25, 2017**

**Commission  
File Number**

**Registrant; State of Incorporation;  
Address; and Telephone Number**

**IRS Employer  
Identification No.**

**1-9513**

**CMS ENERGY CORPORATION**

**38-2726431**

**(A Michigan Corporation)**  
**One Energy Plaza**  
**Jackson, Michigan 49201**  
**(517) 788-0550**

**1-5611**

**CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY**

**38-0442310**

**(A Michigan Corporation)**  
**One Energy Plaza**  
**Jackson, Michigan 49201**  
**(517) 788-0550**

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- o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  
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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter). Emerging growth company: CMS Energy Corporation  Consumers Energy Company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. CMS Energy Corporation  Consumers Energy Company

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**Item 1.01 Entry Into a Material Definitive Agreement**

On August 25, 2017, Consumers Energy Company ( Consumers Energy ), a principal subsidiary of CMS Energy Corporation, and certain institutional Purchasers in the private placement market ( Purchasers ) entered into a Bond Purchase Agreement ( BPA ) whereby Consumers Energy will sell to the Purchasers named in the BPA, in two private placements, an aggregate principal amount of \$485 million First Mortgage Bonds ( FMBs ). The first issuance and funding is expected to take place in September 2017 and includes \$40 million aggregate principal amount of 3.18 percent FMBs due 2032, \$125 million aggregate principal amount of 3.52 percent FMBs due 2037, and \$20 million aggregate principal amount of 3.86 percent FMBs due 2052. The second issuance and funding is expected to take place in November 2017 and includes \$60 million aggregate principal amount of 3.18 percent FMBs due 2032, \$210 million aggregate principal amount of 3.52 percent FMBs due 2037, and \$30 million aggregate principal amount of 3.86 percent FMBs due 2052.

The foregoing description of the BPA does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by the provisions of the BPA, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

10.1 Bond Purchase Agreement between Consumers Energy and each of the Purchasers named therein

This Form 8-K contains forward-looking statements as defined in Rule 3b-6 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Rule 175 of the Securities Act of 1933, and relevant legal decisions. The forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties. All forward-looking statements should be considered in the context of the risk and other factors detailed from time to time in Consumers Energy s Securities and Exchange Commission filings. Forward-looking statements should be read in conjunction with FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS AND INFORMATION and RISK FACTORS sections of Consumers Energy s Form 10-K, for the year ended December 31, 2016, and as updated in Consumers Energy s Forms 10-Q. Consumers Energy s FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS AND INFORMATION and RISK FACTORS sections are incorporated herein by reference and discuss important factors that could cause Consumers Energy s results to differ materially from those anticipated in such statements.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrants have duly caused this report to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**CMS ENERGY CORPORATION**

Dated: August 29, 2017

By: /s/ Rejji P. Hayes  
Rejji P. Hayes  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

**CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY**

Dated: August 29, 2017

By: /s/ Rejji P. Hayes  
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