

CMS ENERGY CORP  
Form 8-K  
February 14, 2018

**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) **February 14, 2018**

**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)  
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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 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On February 14, 2018, CMS Energy Corporation ( CMS Energy ) issued a News Release, in which it announced its 2017 results. Attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and incorporated herein by reference is a copy of the CMS Energy News Release, furnished as a part of this report.

Exhibit 99.1 contains certain financial measures that are considered non-GAAP financial measures as defined in Securities and Exchange Commission rules. Other than forward-looking earnings guidance, Exhibit 99.1 contains a reconciliation of these non-GAAP financial measures to their most directly comparable financial measures calculated and presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. CMS Energy provides forward-looking earnings guidance on an adjusted basis. Adjustments could include items such as discontinued operations, asset sales, impairments, restructuring costs, regulatory items from prior years, or other items. Because CMS Energy is not able to estimate the impact of specific line items, which have the potential to significantly impact reported earnings in future periods, Exhibit 99.1 does not contain reported earnings guidance nor a reconciliation for the comparable future period earnings. Management views adjusted earnings as a key measure of the company's present operating financial performance and uses adjusted earnings for external communications with analysts and investors. Internally, the company uses adjusted earnings to measure and assess performance. The adjusted earnings should be considered supplemental information to assist in understanding our business results, rather than as a substitute for the reported earnings.

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

The information set forth in the CMS Energy News Release dated February 14, 2018, attached as Exhibit 99.1, is incorporated by reference in response to this Item 7.01.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933.

Investors and others should note that CMS Energy routinely posts important information on its website and considers the Investor Relations section, [www.cmsenergy.com/investor-relations](http://www.cmsenergy.com/investor-relations), a channel of distribution.

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

(d) Exhibits.

**Exhibit Index**

99.1 [CMS Energy News Release dated February 14, 2018](#)

**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: February 14, 2018

By:

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

**CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY**

Dated: February 14, 2018

By:

/s/ Rejji P. Hayes  
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Executive Vice President and  
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