

CONSUMERS ENERGY CO  
Form 8-K  
December 23, 2008

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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):

December 23, 2008

CMS Energy Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Michigan

001-09513

38-2726431

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

One Energy Plaza, Jackson, Michigan

49201

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

517-788-0550

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Consumers Energy Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Michigan

001-05611

38-0442310

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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On December 23, 2008, the Michigan Public Service Commission ("MPSC") approved a settlement agreement in Consumers Energy Company's ("Company") gas rate case, increasing natural gas rates by approximately \$22.4 million annually. (MPSC Case No. U-15506). In addition to the gas rate order, the MPSC also approved a partial settlement agreement in the Company's gas depreciation case, reducing the Company's annual depreciation expense by approximately \$19.6 million per year until the MPSC issues a final order in the case. (MPSC Case No. U-15629). For more information and to obtain a copy of the orders please visit the MPSC's websites at:

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15506> and <http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15629>.

This Form 8-K contains "forward-looking statements" as defined in Rule 3b-6 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, Rule 175 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and relevant legal decisions. The forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties. They should be read in conjunction with "FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS AND INFORMATION" and "RISK FACTORS" each found in the MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS sections of CMS Energy's Form 10-K and Consumers Energy's Form 10-K each for the Year Ended December 31, 2007 and as updated in CMS Energy's and Consumers Energy's Forms 10-Q for the Quarters Ended March 31, 2008, June 30, 2008 and September 30, 2008. CMS Energy's and Consumers Energy's "FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS AND INFORMATION" and "RISK FACTORS" sections are incorporated herein by reference and discuss important factors that could cause CMS Energy's and Consumers Energy's results to differ materially from those anticipated in such statements.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

*December 23, 2008*

CMS Energy Corporation

By: *Thomas J. Webb*

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*Name: Thomas J. Webb*

*Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*

*December 23, 2008*

Consumers Energy Company

By: *Thomas J. Webb*

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