

CONSUMERS ENERGY CO
Form 10-K
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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-K

TANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number of issuing entity: 333-195654-01

Central index key number of issuing entity: 0001606104

CONSUMERS 2014 SECURITIZATION FUNDING LLC

(Exact name of issuing entity as specified in its charter)

Commission file number of depositor and sponsor: 1-5611

Central index key number of depositor and sponsor: 0000201533

CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY

(Exact name of depositor and sponsor as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

46-5038143

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

One Energy Plaza, Jackson, Michigan

(Address of principal executive offices)

49201

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (517) 788-1030

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: None

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

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Yes ☐ No ☒

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act.

Yes ☐ No ☒

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§229.405) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. ☒

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer ☐

Accelerated filer ☐

Non-Accelerated filer ☒ (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes ☐ No ☒

The registrant does not have any voting or non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates.

Documents incorporated by reference: A portion of CMS Energy Corporation's proxy statement relating to the 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of CMS Energy Corporation is incorporated by reference in Item 11 of Part III of this Form 10-K.

PART I

The following Items have been omitted pursuant to General Instruction J of Form 10-K:

- Item 1. Business.
- Item 1A. Risk Factors.
- Item 2. Properties.
- Item 3. Legal Proceedings.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments.

None.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.

None.

PART II

The following Items have been omitted pursuant to General Instruction J of Form 10-K:

- Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.
- Item 6. Selected Financial Data.
- Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.
- Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

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- Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.
- Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure.
- Item 9A. Controls and Procedures.

Item 9B. Other Information.

None.

PART III

Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance.

Following are the managers and executive officers of Consumers 2014 Securitization Funding LLC as of March 9, 2017:

Name, Age, Position(s)	Period	
Srikanth Maddipati (age 34) President, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and Treasurer of Consumers 2014 Securitization Funding LLC	2016	Present
Vice President and Treasurer of CMS Energy Corporation (CMS Energy) and Consumers Energy Company (Consumers)	2016	Present
Assistant Treasurer of CMS Energy and Consumers	2014	2016
Vice President of Goldman, Sachs & Co.	2011	2014
Thomas J. Webb (age 64) Executive Vice President and Manager of Consumers 2014 Securitization Funding LLC	2014	Present
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of CMS Energy and Consumers	2002	Present
Catherine M. Reynolds (age 60) Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Manager of Consumers 2014 Securitization Funding LLC	2014	Present
Senior Vice President and General Counsel of CMS Energy and Consumers	2013	Present
Vice President, Deputy General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary of CMS Energy and Consumers	2012	2013
Vice President and Corporate Secretary of CMS Energy and Consumers	2006	2012
Glenn P. Barba (age 51) Vice President and Controller of Consumers 2014 Securitization Funding LLC	2014	Present
Vice President, Controller, and Chief Accounting Officer of CMS Energy and Consumers	2003	Present
Melissa M. Gleespen (age 49) Vice President, Secretary, and Manager of Consumers 2014 Securitization Funding LLC	2014	Present
Vice President, Corporate Secretary, and Chief Compliance Officer of CMS Energy and Consumers	2016	Present
Vice President and Corporate Secretary of CMS Energy and Consumers	2013	2016
Supervisory Assistant General Counsel of CMS Energy and Consumers	2013	2013
Law Director and Assistant Corporate Secretary of Owens Corning	2012	2013
Senior Securities Counsel and Assistant Corporate Secretary of Owens Corning	2009	2012
Scott B. McIntosh (age 41) Vice President of Consumers 2014 Securitization Funding LLC	2015	Present
Vice President of CMS Energy and Consumers	2015	Present
Director of Tax of CMS Energy and Consumers	2011	2015
Albert J. Fioravanti (age 52) Independent Manager of Consumers 2014 Securitization Funding LLC	2014	Present
Senior Vice President of Lord Securities Corporation	1999	Present
Leonard J. Padula (age 56) Independent Manager of Consumers 2014 Securitization Funding LLC	2016	Present
Vice President of Lord Securities Corporation	2004	Present

Consumers 2014 Securitization Funding LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Consumers, which in turn is a wholly owned subsidiary of CMS Energy.

Code of Conduct

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Consumers has adopted a code of ethics that applies to all officers and employees of Consumers and its affiliates (except EnerBank USA, which has its own code of conduct), including Consumers 2014 Securitization Funding LLC. This code of ethics, entitled CMS Energy 2016 Code of Conduct and Guide to Ethical Business Behavior, is posted on Consumers website at

www.cmsenergy.com/corporate-governance/compliance-and-ethics. Consumers' Code of Conduct is administered by the Chief Compliance Officer of Consumers, who reports directly to the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of Consumers.

Item 11. Executive Compensation.

Other than the annual independent manager fee of \$7,000 paid to Lord Securities Corporation, Consumers 2014 Securitization Funding LLC does not pay any compensation to its managers or executive officers.

Information that is required in Item 11 regarding executive compensation of Consumers' executive officers is included in CMS Energy's definitive proxy statement for its 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held May 5, 2017, which is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters.

None.

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence.

None.

Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services.

Omitted pursuant to General Instruction J of Form 10-K.

PART IV

Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules.

(a)(1) and (a)(2) Financial Statements and Financial Statement Schedules are omitted pursuant to General Instruction J of Form 10-K as listed under Item 8 of this report.

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(a)(3) and (b) See Exhibit Index included as the last part of this report, which is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) Not applicable.

Item 16. Form 10-K Summary.

None.

Item 1112(b). Significant Obligors of Pool Assets.

None.

Item 1114(b)(2). Credit Enhancement and Other Support, Except For Certain Derivative Instruments.

None.

Item 1115(b). Certain Derivative Instruments.

None.

Item 1117. Legal Proceedings.

None.

Item 1119. Affiliations and Certain Relationships and Related Transactions.

Consumers 2014 Securitization Funding LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Consumers, which is the depositor, sponsor, and servicer.

Item 1122. Compliance With Applicable Servicing Criteria.

See Exhibits 33.1, 33.2, 34.1, and 34.2 of this Form 10-K.

Item 1123. Servicer Compliance Statement.

See Exhibit 35.1 of this Form 10-K.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Consumers 2014 Securitization Funding LLC has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, on the 9th day of March 2017.

CONSUMERS 2014 SECURITIZATION FUNDING LLC
(Issuing Entity)

By: Consumers Energy Company, as Servicer

By: /s/ Glenn P. Barba
Glenn P. Barba
Vice President, Controller, Chief Accounting Officer,
and senior officer in charge of the servicing function of
Consumers Energy Company

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED WITH REPORTS FILED
PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE ACT BY REGISTRANTS WHICH HAVE
NOT REGISTERED SECURITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 12 OF THE ACT**

No such annual report, proxy statement, form of proxy, or other proxy soliciting material has been sent to the registrant's security holders. The registrant will not be sending an annual report or proxy material to its security holders subsequent to the filing of this form.

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibits	Previously Filed		Description
	With File Number	As Exhibit Number	
3.1	333-195654	3.1	Certificate of Formation of Consumers 2014 Securitization Funding LLC (Form S-3 filed May 2, 2014)
3.2	333-195654-01	3.2	Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of Consumers 2014 Securitization Funding LLC dated and effective as of July 22, 2014 (Form 8-K filed July 22, 2014)
4.1	333-195654	4.1	Indenture by and between Consumers 2014 Securitization Funding LLC, Issuer and The Bank of New York Mellon, Indenture Trustee and Securities Intermediary, dated July 22, 2014 (Form 8-K filed July 22, 2014)
4.2	333-195654	4.1	Form of Senior Secured Securitization Bonds, Series 2014A (Form 8-K filed July 22, 2014)
10.1	333-195654-01	Exhibit A 99.1	Securitization Property Servicing Agreement by and between Consumers 2014 Securitization Funding LLC, Issuer and Consumers Energy Company, Servicer, dated as of July 22, 2014 (Form 8-K filed July 22, 2014)
10.2	333-195654	99.2	Securitization Property Purchase and Sale Agreement by and between Consumers 2014 Securitization Funding LLC, Issuer and Consumers Energy Company, Seller, dated as of July 22, 2014 (Form 8-K filed July 22, 2014)
10.3	333-195654-01	99.3	Administration Agreement by and between Consumers 2014 Securitization Funding LLC and The Bank of New York Mellon, Administrator, dated as of July 22, 2014 (Form 8-K filed July 22, 2014)
10.4	333-195654	99.7	Series Supplement by and between Consumers 2014 Securitization Funding LLC and The Bank of New York Mellon, Indenture Trustee, dated as of July 22, 2014 (Form 8-K filed July 22, 2014)
10.5	333-195654-01	99.8	Intercreditor Agreement among The Bank of Nova Scotia, Liberty Street Funding LLC, The Bank of New York Mellon, Consumers Funding LLC, Consumers 2014 Securitization Funding LLC, Consumers Receivables Funding II, LLC and Consumers Energy Company, dated as of July 22, 2014 (Form 8-K filed July 22, 2014)
31.1			Rule 13a-14(d)/15d-14(d) Certification
33.1			Report on Assessment of Compliance With Servicing Criteria For Asset-Backed Issuers for Consumers Energy Company, Servicer
33.2			Report on Assessment of Compliance With Servicing Criteria For Asset-Backed Issuers for The Bank of New York Mellon, Indenture Trustee
34.1			Attestation Report on Assessment of Compliance With Servicing Criteria For Asset-Backed Securities of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP on behalf of Consumers Energy Company, Servicer
34.2			Attestation Report on Assessment of Compliance With Servicing Criteria For Asset-Backed Securities of KPMG LLP on behalf of The Bank of New York Mellon, Indenture Trustee
35.1			Servicer Compliance Statement