

CONSUMERS ENERGY CO  
Form 8-K  
January 14, 2005

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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):

January 14, 2005

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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  - 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.**

Consumers Energy Company Plant Outage Update

On Sunday, January 9, 2005, Nuclear Management Company, LLC ("NMC"), the operator of the Palisades nuclear plant owned by Consumers Energy Company ("Consumers"), manually took the plant offline after recording a rapid reduction in the vacuum of the main condenser, the component that condenses steam from the turbine generators into water. The cause of the reduction in the vacuum is the result of air in leakage into the main condenser. NMC has maintained the plant in hot shutdown condition and has identified the specific source of the vacuum reduction. The repairs have been completed and the plant is expected to be returned to service within a few days. The main condenser is part of the secondary non-nuclear safety-related portion of the plant. There are no special Nuclear Regulatory Commission reviews scheduled in relation to this outage or approvals needed for plant restart.

On Tuesday, January 11, 2005, Consumers took the J H Campbell Plant Unit 3 offline in order to repair a tube leak in the super heater portion of the Unit 3 boiler. The source of the tube leak has been identified. The repair is routine and the plant is expected to be returned to service within the next several days.

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 RISK FACTORS" found in the MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS sections of CMS Energy's and Consumers' Forms 10-Q for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2004 (both incorporated herein by reference), that discuss important factors that could cause CMS Energy's and Consumers' 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.

*January 14, 2005*

CMS Energy Corporation

By: *Thomas J. Webb*

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*Name: Thomas J. Webb*

*Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*

*January 14, 2005*

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