

CONSUMERS ENERGY CO  
Form 8-K  
May 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) **May 14, 2018**

**Commission  
File Number**

**1-5611**

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

**CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY**  
(A Michigan Corporation)

**One Energy Plaza**

**Jackson, Michigan 49201**

**(517) 788-0550**

**IRS Employer  
Identification No.**

**38-0442310**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  
- 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 8.01. Other Events.**

On May 14, 2018, Consumers Energy Company ( Consumers ) issued and sold \$550,000,000 principal amount of its 4.05% First Mortgage Bonds due 2048 (the Bonds ), pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-3 that Consumers filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission utilizing a shelf registration process (No. 333-216355-01) (the Registration Statement ), a Preliminary Prospectus Supplement dated May 1, 2018 to Prospectus dated March 1, 2017, an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus that included the final terms of the transaction, a Final Prospectus Supplement dated May 1, 2018 to Prospectus dated March 1, 2017 and an underwriting agreement among Consumers and the underwriters named in that agreement with respect to the Bonds. Consumers intends to use the net proceeds from the offering to redeem its 5.65% First Mortgage Bonds due September 15, 2018, of which \$250,000,000 aggregate principal amount is outstanding, and for general corporate purposes.

This Current Report on Form 8-K is being filed to file certain documents in connection with the offering as exhibits to the Registration Statement.

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

**(d) Exhibits.**

- 1.1 Underwriting Agreement dated May 1, 2018 among Consumers and Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Mizuho Securities USA LLC, MUFG Securities Americas Inc., KeyBanc Capital Markets Inc., PNC Capital Markets LLC, Scotia Capital (USA) Inc., Drexel Hamilton, LLC and Loop Capital Markets LLC, as underwriters.
- 4.1 131st Supplemental Indenture dated as of May 14, 2018 between Consumers and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee.
- 4.2 Form of 4.05% First Mortgage Bonds due 2048 (included in Exhibit 4.1).
- 5.1 Opinion of Melissa M. Gleespen, Esq., Vice President, Corporate Secretary and Chief Compliance Officer of Consumers, dated May 14, 2018, regarding the legality of the Bonds.
- 23.1 Consent of Melissa M. Gleespen, Esq. (included in Exhibit 5.1).
- 99.1 Information relating to Item 14 of the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-216355-01).

**SIGNATURE**

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.

**CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY**

Dated: May 14, 2018

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