

CMS ENERGY CORP  
Form 8-K  
March 08, 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) **March 8, 2018**

**Commission  
File Number**

**1-9513**

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

**CMS ENERGY CORPORATION**  
**(A Michigan Corporation)**  
**One Energy Plaza**  
**Jackson, Michigan 49201**  
**(517) 788-0550**

**IRS Employer  
Identification No.**

**38-2726431**

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:

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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- o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  
- 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: ☐

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. ☐

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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On March 8, 2018, CMS Energy Corporation ( CMS Energy ) issued and sold \$200,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 5.625% Junior Subordinated Notes due 2078 (the Notes ), pursuant to a Registration Statement on Form S-3 that CMS Energy filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission utilizing a shelf registration process (No. 333-216355) (the Registration Statement ), a Preliminary Prospectus Supplement dated March 5, 2018 to the Prospectus dated March 1, 2017, an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus that included the final terms of the transaction, a Final Prospectus Supplement dated March 5, 2018 to the Prospectus dated March 1, 2017 and an underwriting agreement among CMS Energy and the underwriters named in that agreement with respect to the Notes. CMS Energy intends to use the net proceeds to repay a portion of the \$225 million outstanding term loan under CMS Energy's Term Loan Credit Agreement dated as of December 21, 2017. The term loan bears interest at an annual interest rate of LIBOR plus 0.68 percent (2.28 percent at December 31, 2017) and matures on December 21, 2018, and the proceeds of the term loan borrowing were used by CMS Energy to redeem a portion of its 8.75% senior notes due 2019.

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 March 5, 2018 among CMS Energy and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, RBC Capital Markets, LLC, Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Comerica Securities, Inc., Fifth Third Securities, Inc. and U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc., as underwriters.
- 4.1 Sixth Supplemental Indenture dated as of March 8, 2018 between CMS Energy and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee.
- 4.2 Form of 5.625% Junior Subordinated Notes due 2078 (included in Exhibit 4.1).
- 5.1 Opinion of Melissa M. Gleespen, Esq., Vice President, Corporate Secretary and Chief Compliance Officer of CMS Energy, dated March 8, 2018, regarding the legality of the Notes.
- 8.1 Opinion and Consent of Sidley Austin LLP regarding tax matters.
- 23.1 Consent of Melissa M. Gleespen, Esq. (included in Exhibit 5.1).
- 23.2 Consent of Sidley Austin LLP (included in Exhibit 8.1).
- 99.1 Information relating to Item 14 of the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-216355).

This Form 8-K contains forward-looking statements as defined in Rule 3b-6 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Rule 175 of the Securities Act of 1933, and relevant legal decisions. The



forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties. All forward-looking statements should be considered in the context of the risk and other factors detailed from time to time in CMS Energy's Securities and Exchange Commission filings. Forward-looking statements should be read in conjunction with FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS AND INFORMATION and RISK FACTORS sections of CMS Energy's Form 10-K for the Year Ended December 31, 2017. CMS 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 results to differ materially from those anticipated in such statements.

**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.

**CMS ENERGY CORPORATION**

Dated: March 8, 2018

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