

Venkat Dhenuvakonda Rao
Form 4
January 23, 2018

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Venkat Dhenuvakonda Rao

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE ENERGY PLAZA

(Street)

JACKSON, MI 49201

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
CMS ENERGY CORP [CMS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/21/2018

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

Senior Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/21/2018		A	Amount 1,254 (1)	\$ 0	34,444	D
Common Stock	01/21/2018		F	1,931	\$ 44.05	32,513	D

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(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr	
							Amount or Number of Shares			
							Title			
							Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		
							Code	V	(A)	(D)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Venkat Dhenuvakonda Rao ONE ENERGY PLAZA JACKSON, MI 49201			Senior Vice President	

Signatures

Melissa M. Gleespen,
Attny-in-Fact
01/23/2018
**Signature of Reporting Person
Date

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Shares of Common Stock of CMS Energy Corporation ("CMS") acquired as a result of CMS exceeding certain performance criteria
(1) established under the 2015 Restricted Stock Award granted to the reporting person in accordance with the provisions of the CMS
Performance Incentive Stock Plan.

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