Venkat Dhenuvakonda Rao Form 4 January 18, 2019

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Venkat Dhenuvakonda Rao Issuer Symbol CMS ENERGY CORP [CMS] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify ONE ENERGY PLAZA 01/16/2019 below) below) Senior Vice President

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

(Zip)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

JACKSON, MI 49201

(State)

(City)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price 4,749 Common 01/16/2019 A \$0 34,754 $D^{(2)}$ (1) Stock

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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

Ashley L. Bancroft, Attny-in-Fact 01/18/2019

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Restricted Stock granted by CMS Energy Corporation ("CMS") pursuant to CMS' Performance Incentive Stock Plan and subject to a three-year "cliff" vesting schedule.
- The total holdings reflect an adjustment of 164 additional shares of Restricted Stock purchased on behalf of the reporting person as a result of an automatic acquisition of Restricted Stock in lieu of cash dividends pursuant to the terms of the award granted to the reporting person in accordance with the provisions of the CMS Performance Incentive Stock Plan.

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