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CMS ENERGY CORPORATION
CALL AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
MAY 25, 2001

To the Shareholders of CMS Energy Corporation:

The annual meeting of shareholders of CMS Energy Corporation will be held on Friday, the 25th day of May 2001, at 10:30 A.M., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, at the Dearborn Inn, 20301 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn, Michigan 48124 for the following purposes:

(1) Electing a Board of Directors of 10 members;

(2) Ratifying the appointment of Arthur Andersen LLP, independent public accountants, to audit the financial statements of CMS Energy Corporation for the year ending December 31, 2001; and

(3) Transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The annual report to the shareholders for the year 2000, including financial statements, has been furnished to you.

The Board of Directors has fixed March 30, 2001 as the record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting.

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All shareholders are cordially invited to attend the annual meeting and will be entitled to vote on all matters that come before the meeting. The Board of Directors requests that you vote by means of touch tone telephone, the Internet, or by signing and returning the enclosed proxy. The enclosed envelope requires no postage if mailed in the United States.

Thomas A. McNish
Secretary

CMS Energy Corporation
Fairlane Plaza South
Suite 1100
330 Town Center Drive
Dearborn, Michigan 48126
April 20, 2001

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PROXY STATEMENT

INTRODUCTION

The Board of Directors solicits your proxy for use at this year's annual meeting. The shares represented by your proxy will be voted as you direct if the proxy is returned prior to the meeting. You may revoke your proxy at any time before it is exercised.

CMS Energy Corporation's ("CMS") outstanding Common Stock (\$.01 par value) consists of a total of 131,418,098 shares. Each outstanding share is entitled to one vote on all matters which may come before the annual meeting. All shares represented by valid proxies will be voted at the annual meeting.

CMS has received a copy of Schedule 13G filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) by Putnam Investments, Inc., One Post Office Square, Boston, Massachusetts, 02109. This schedule indicates that holdings of 15,692,421 shares, representing 11.9% of the outstanding common stock of CMS, were acquired in a fiduciary capacity in the ordinary course of business for investment purposes. CMS has also received a copy of Schedule 13G filed with the SEC by Wellington Management Company, LLP, 75 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts, 02109. This schedule indicates that holdings of 6,528,800 shares, representing 5.0% of the outstanding common stock of CMS, were acquired in a fiduciary capacity in the ordinary course of business for investment purposes. To the knowledge of management, no other person or entity currently owns beneficially more than 5% of any class of CMS' outstanding voting securities.

The determination of approval of corporate action by the shareholders is based on votes "for" and "against". Abstentions and broker non-votes are not counted as "against" votes but are counted in the determination of a quorum.

NOMINEES FOR ELECTION AS MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The nominees for directors of CMS and Consumers Energy Company ("Consumers") will hold office until the next annual meeting or until their successors are elected and qualified. Unless a shareholder withholds authority to vote for the election of directors as provided in the proxy, the returned proxy will be voted for the listed nominees. The Board of Directors has no reason to believe that the persons named will not be available but in the event any nominee is unable to serve, the proxy will be voted for a substitute nominee designated by the Board of Directors. All of the nominees are presently serving as directors.

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WILLIAM T. MCCORMICK, JR. [PHOTO] WILLIAM T. MCCORMICK, JR., 56, has served as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of CMS since it was incorporated in 1987, as Chairman of the Board of Consumers since 1985, and as President of both since December 2000. He is a director of Bank One Corporation, Rockwell International Corporation, and Schlumberger Ltd. He has been a director of CMS since 1987 and of Consumers since 1985.

JOHN M. DEUTCH [PHOTO] JOHN M. DEUTCH, 62, has served since 1992 as Institute Professor of Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, Massachusetts. On leave from MIT, he served as Director of Central Intelligence from 1995 through 1996, as U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense from 1994 to 1995, and as Undersecretary of the U.S. Department of Defense from 1993 to 1994. He is a director of ARIAD Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Citigroup, Inc., Cummins Engine Company, Inc., Raytheon Company, and Schlumberger Ltd. He has been a director of CMS and of Consumers since 1997. He had previously served as a director of CMS and of Consumers from 1986 to 1993, when he resigned following his confirmation as Undersecretary of Defense.

JAMES J. DUDERSTADT [PHOTO] JAMES J. DUDERSTADT, 58, has been President Emeritus and University Professor of Science and Engineering at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, since 1996. He served as the President of the University of Michigan from 1988 to 1996. He is a director of Unisys Corporation, serves on the Executive Council of the National Academy of Engineering, and chairs the Nuclear Energy Research Advisory Committee of the U.S. Department of Energy. He has been a director of CMS and of Consumers since 1993.

KATHLEEN R. FLAHERTY [PHOTO] KATHLEEN R. FLAHERTY, 49, has served since 1999 as President and Chief Operating Officer of WinStar International, a provider of global broadband services. Previously, she served from 1998 to 1999 as President and Chief Operating Officer of WinStar Communications, Europe, from 1997 to 1998 as Senior Vice President, Product Architecture for MCI Communications Corporation, and from 1995 to 1997 as National Business Marketing Director for British Telecom. She has been a director of CMS and of Consumers since 1995.

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EARL D. HOLTON [PHOTO] EARL D. HOLTON, 67, has served since 1999 as Vice Chairman of Meijer, Inc., a Grand Rapids, Michigan based operator of food and general merchandise centers. He is also Chairman of the Board of Steelcase, Inc. Previously, he served from 1980 to 1999 as President of Meijer, Inc. He is a director of Meijer, Inc. and Steelcase, Inc. He has been a director of CMS and of Consumers since 1989.

WILLIAM U. PARFET, 54, has served since 1999 as Chairman and

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WILLIAM U. PARFET [PHOTO] Chief Executive Officer of MPI Research, Inc., Mattawan, Michigan, a research laboratory conducting risk assessment toxicology studies. Previously, he served from 1995 to 1999 as Co-Chairman of MPI Research, and from 1993 to 1996 as President and Chief Executive Officer of Richard-Allan Medical Industries. He is a director of Pharmacia Corporation, Stryker Corporation, Sybron International Corporation, and Monsanto Company. He is also a Commissioner of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. He has been a director of CMS and of Consumers since 1991.

PERCY A. PIERRE [PHOTO] PERCY A. PIERRE, 62, has served since 1990 as Professor of Electrical Engineering, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan. He also served as Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies at Michigan State University from 1990 to 1995. Dr. Pierre is a former Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research, Development and Acquisition. He is also a former President of Prairie View A&M University. He is a director of Old Kent Financial Corporation and the Whitman Education Group. He also serves as a member of the Boards of Trustees for the University of Notre Dame and Hampshire College. He has been a director of CMS and of Consumers since 1990.

KEN L. WAY [PHOTO] KENNETH L. WAY, 61, has served since 1988 as Chairman of the Board of Lear Corporation, a Southfield, Michigan based supplier of automotive interior systems to the automotive industry. In addition, he served from 1988 to October 1, 2000 as Chief Executive Officer of Lear Corporation. He is a director of Comerica, Inc. and WESCO International, Inc. He also serves as a member of the Boards of Trustees for Kettering University and the Henry Ford Health Systems. He has been a director of CMS and of Consumers since 1998.

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KENNETH WHIPPLE [PHOTO] KENNETH WHIPPLE, 66, served from 1988 until his retirement in 1999 as Executive Vice President of Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan, a world-wide automotive manufacturer, and President of the Ford Financial Services Group. In addition, he served from 1997 to 1998 as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Ford Motor Credit Company. He had previously served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Ford of Europe, Inc. from 1986 to 1988. He is a director of Galileo International, Inc. and a trustee of 13 J.P. Morgan & Chase Co. mutual funds. He has been a director of CMS and of Consumers since 1993.

JOHN B. YASINSKY [PHOTO] JOHN B. YASINSKY, 61, served from 1999 until his retirement on December 1, 2000 as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer and continued as Chairman until February 2001 of OMNOVA Solutions Inc., Fairlawn, Ohio, a developer, manufacturer, and marketer of emulsion polymers, specialty chemicals, and building products. Previously, he served from 1995 to 1999 as Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of GenCorp. He is a director of A. Schulman, Inc. He has been a director of CMS and of Consumers since 1994.

MANAGEMENT SECURITY OWNERSHIP

The following chart sets forth the ownership of CMS' Common Stock by the directors and executive officers:

Name -----	Shares Beneficially Owned* -----
William T. McCormick, Jr.....	245,100
John M. Deutch.....	9,600
James J. Duderstadt.....	4,553
Kathleen R. Flaherty.....	5,195
Earl D. Holton.....	15,958
William U. Parfet.....	13,200
Percy A. Pierre.....	5,615
Kenneth L. Way.....	12,505
Kenneth Whipple.....	5,904
John B. Yasinsky.....	9,672
David W. Joos.....	64,340
Alan M. Wright.....	33,930
William J. Haener.....	58,122
Tamela W. Pallas.....	22,028
Victor J. Fryling.....	121,999
All Directors and Executive Officers....	1,075,605

* In addition to the shares shown above, Mr. McCormick, Mr. Joos, Mr. Wright, Mr. Haener, Ms. Pallas, Mr. Fryling, and all other executive officers own options to acquire 549,000; 108,000; 90,000; 112,000; 65,000; 322,000; and 757,355 shares, respectively.

Shares shown as beneficially owned include (1) shares to which a person has or shares voting power and/or investment power, and (2) the number of shares and share equivalents represented by interests in the Employees' Savings and Incentive Plan, the Deferred Salary Savings Plan, the Performance Incentive Stock Plan, and the Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan as of December 31, 2000. The directors each own 10 shares of Preferred Stock of Consumers. No other executive officer owns shares of Consumers Preferred Stock. The directors and executive officers together own less than 1% of the outstanding shares of CMS.

SECTION 16(A) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Federal securities laws require CMS' directors and executive officers, and persons who own more than 10% of CMS' Common Stock, to file with the SEC reports of ownership and changes in ownership of any securities or derivative securities of CMS. To CMS' knowledge, during the year ended December 31, 2000, CMS' officers and directors made all required Section 16(a) filings on a timely basis except Rodney E. Boulanger, President and CEO of CMS Generation, who reported on March 2, 2001 purchases of CMS common stock made in February 1997 (75 shares) and September 1999 (170 shares) by his daughter and in August 1999 (300 shares) by his wife.

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BOARDS OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEES OF CMS AND CONSUMERS

The Board of Directors of CMS met 9 times and Consumers' Board of Directors met 8 times during 2000. All incumbent directors attended more than 75% of the board and assigned committee meetings during 2000.

AUDIT COMMITTEES

Members: William U. Parfet (Chair), John M. Deutch, James J. Duderstadt, Percy A. Pierre, and John B. Yasinsky.

Meetings during 2000: CMS 3 - Consumers 3

These committees meet with representatives of the independent public accountants from time to time during the year and after the completion of the annual audit of CMS' and Consumers' financial statements to review and discuss this audit, internal controls and other appropriate matters; review the activities of the Internal Audit Department; review the relationship of CMS' and Consumers' independent public accountants with CMS and Consumers insofar as they perform nonaudit services; review and recommend to the Boards of Directors the appointment of independent public accountants; and report to the Board of Directors with respect to the committees' recommendations. The Board of Directors has adopted a written charter for the audit committee. The charter is included as an appendix to this proxy statement.

NOMINATING COMMITTEES

Members: John M. Deutch (Chair), James J. Duderstadt, Kathleen R. Flaherty, Percy A. Pierre, Kenneth L. Way, and Kenneth Whipple.

Meetings during 2000: CMS 2 - Consumers 2

These committees conduct a continuing study of the size, structure, composition and compensation of the Boards; seek out possible candidates to fill Board positions; aid in attracting qualified candidates to the Boards; recommend annually, prior to the solicitation of proxies, a slate of qualified candidates for election to the Boards at the annual meeting and, in case of any vacancies on the Boards, candidates to fill those vacancies; review periodically and recommend to the Boards of Directors modifications, as appropriate, to the director tenure policy; and determine from time to time criteria for selection and retention of Board members. The committees consider shareholders' recommendations of nominees for election to the Boards of Directors. The recommendations must be accompanied by the consent of each of the recommended nominees to act as a director. Shareholders should send their written recommendations of nominees to: Mr. Thomas A. McNish, Vice President and Secretary, CMS Energy Corporation, Fairlane Plaza South, Suite 1100, 330 Town Center Drive, Dearborn, Michigan 48126.

ORGANIZATION AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEES

Members: Earl D. Holton (Chair), John M. Deutch, William U. Parfet, Kenneth L. Way, Kenneth Whipple, and John B. Yasinsky.

Meetings during 2000: CMS 3 - Consumers 3

These committees review the executive organization of CMS and of Consumers from time to time; review from time to time the salaries and other compensation of all the officers of CMS and of Consumers; monitor the

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development of personnel for availability to fill key management positions as vacancies occur; establish goals annually for the Executive Incentive Compensation Plan; review and approve the incentive compensation payment schedule; administer CMS' Performance Incentive Stock Plan; and report to the Boards of Directors with respect to the committees' recommendations.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY COMMITTEES

Members: Percy A. Pierre (Chair), James J. Duderstadt, Kathleen R. Flaherty, Earl D. Holton, and John B. Yasinsky.

Meetings during 2000: CMS 2 - Consumers 2

These committees make recommendations to the Boards of Directors regarding significant environmental matters affecting CMS' and Consumers' operations; advise the Boards on the adoption and evaluation of policies designed to maintain CMS' and Consumers' position of corporate responsibility; review and monitor CMS' and Consumers' policies and objectives related to equal employment opportunities; review CMS' and Consumers' policies to comply with federal and state laws and regulations affecting personnel matters; and review CMS' and Consumers' policies related to contributions and support of charitable, educational and community organizations.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Members: William T. McCormick, Jr. (Chair), John M. Deutch, Earl D. Holton, William U. Parfet, Percy A. Pierre and Kenneth Whipple.

Meetings during 2000: CMS 0 - Consumers 0

These committees exercise the power and authority of the Boards of Directors as may be necessary during the intervals between meetings of the Boards of Directors, subject to such limitations as are provided by law or by resolution of the Boards.

FINANCE AND PENSION COMMITTEES

Members: Kenneth Whipple (Chair), Kathleen R. Flaherty, Earl D. Holton, William U. Parfet, and Kenneth L. Way.

Meetings during 2000: CMS 2 - Consumers 2

These committees give advice and counsel to the officers of CMS and Consumers with respect to the means for providing the funds required to carry out CMS' and Consumers' programs; review the financial policies including capitalization objectives, use of short-term financing and issuance of long-term securities; and recommend to the Boards of Directors financial policies for CMS and Consumers. In addition, the committee of Consumers reviews the investment policies for all employee benefit funds with respect to assets being managed, including adequacy of funding; reviews quarterly the investment performance of each of the investment managers for all employee benefit funds of Consumers; reports to the Board of Directors on findings regarding selection and retention of managers; and reviews the administration of the employee benefit plans.

COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS

Directors who are not officers of CMS or Consumers received in 2000 an annual retainer fee of \$30,000, and \$1,500 for attendance at each Board meeting and \$750 for attendance at each committee meeting. Committee chairs receive

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\$1,000 for attendance at each committee meeting. Retainer and attendance fees are set by the Boards of Directors. In 2000, all Directors who were not officers of CMS or Consumers were granted 1,000 restricted shares of Common Stock of CMS with a fair market value at time of grant of \$22,375. Directors are reimbursed for expenses incurred in attending Board or committee meetings. Directors who are officers of CMS or Consumers do not receive retainers or meeting fees for service on the Board or as a member of any Board committee. Pursuant to the Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan, a Director of CMS or Consumers who is not an officer may, at any time prior to a calendar year in which a retainer and fees are to be earned, or at any time during the year prior to the month in which a retainer and fees are earned, irrevocably elect to defer payment for that year, or a portion thereof, through written notice to CMS or Consumers, of all or half of any of the retainer and fees which would otherwise be paid to the Director, to a time following the Director's retirement from the Board of Directors. Any amount deferred will either (a) accrue interest at either the prime rate or the rate for 10-year Treasury Notes (whichever is greater), (b) be treated as if it were invested as an optional cash payment in CMS' Stock Purchase Plan, or (c) be treated as if it were invested in a Standard & Poor's 500 stock index fund. Accrued amounts will be distributed in a lump sum or in five or ten annual installments in cash. Outside Directors who retire with five years of service on the Board will receive retirement payments equal to the retainer. These payments will continue for a period of time equal to their years of service on the Board. All benefits will cease at the death of the retired Director. Outside Directors are offered optional life insurance coverage, business-related travel accident insurance, and optional health care insurance, and CMS and Consumers pay the premiums associated with participation by Directors. The imputed income for the life insurance coverage in 2000 was: Messrs. Deutch, \$846; Duderstadt, \$621; Holton, \$1,665; Parfet, \$447; Pierre, \$846; Whipple, \$1,485; and Yasinsky, \$774.

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EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The following charts contain information concerning annual and long-term compensation and awards of stock options and restricted stock under CMS' Performance Incentive Stock Plan. The charts include the Chairman of the Board and the next four most highly compensated executive officers in 2000.

SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

Name and Principal Position	Year	Annual Compensation		Long-Term Compensation (1)	
		Salary	Bonus	Awards Securities Underlying Options	Payouts Long-Term Incentive Payouts (2)
William T. McCormick, Jr. Chairman and CEO, CMS	2000	\$1,060,000	\$700,000	100,000	\$ 319,869
and Chairman, Consumers	1999	1,000,000	0	100,000	796,497
David W. Joos Executive Vice President and COO - Electric,	1998	900,000	665,000	62,000	1,093,554
CMS and President and CEO - Electric, Consumers	2000	508,333	326,510	32,000	98,233
	1999	465,000	319,366	32,000	227,915
	1998	430,000	269,520	18,000	301,802

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Alan M. Wright	2000	417,500	249,374	28,000	98,233
Executive Vice President,	1999	360,000	0	28,000	244,140
Chief Financial Officer and	1998	335,000	189,220	16,000	332,770
Chief Administrative Officer, CMS and Consumers					
William J. Haener	2000	406,667	322,459	22,000	83,977
Executive Vice President	1999	380,000	0	22,000	213,642
and COO - Natural Gas, CMS	1998	310,000	195,250	11,000	254,461
Tamela W. Pallas	2000	345,000	230,000	15,000	0
President and COO,	1999	57,500	0	50,000	0
CMS Marketing, Services	1998	0	0	0	0
and Trading Company					
Victor J. Fryling (6)	2000	730,000	410,632	60,000	191,912
	1999	690,000	0	60,000	481,182
	1998	625,000	382,440	36,000	663,158

- (1) Aggregate non-performance based restricted stock granted prior to 2000 held as of December 31, 2000 by named officers was: Mr. Joos, 7,500 shares, with value based on market price on December 31, 2000 of \$237,675; Mr. Haener, 954 shares with value based on market price on December 31, 2000 of \$30,232; and Ms. Pallas, 10,000 shares with value based on market price on December 31, 2000 of \$316,900. Regular dividends were paid on such restricted stock.
- (2) Market value of Common Stock paid under CMS' Performance Incentive Stock Plan for three-year performance periods.
- (3) Employer matching contribution to defined contribution plans.
- (4) Employer matching contribution of \$10,350 to defined contribution plans and award of CMS common stock with a value at time of grant of \$115,000.
- (5) Employer matching contribution of \$862 to defined contribution plans and signing bonus of \$225,000.
- (6) Mr. Fryling resigned as a director and officer of CMS and Consumers effective December 22, 2000.

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EMPLOYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Agreements with the executive officers named above provide for payments equal to three times annual cash compensation if there is a change of control and adverse change of responsibilities, as well as payments equal to annual cash compensation if employment is terminated by the company, other than for cause, prior to a change of control. CMS and Consumers also provide long-term disability insurance policies for all executive officers which would provide payment of up to 60% of compensation in the event of disability. Mr. Fryling will serve as an Executive Consultant and continue to receive his normal cash compensation and benefits, but no additional long term incentive awards under CMS' Performance Incentive Stock Plan, until February 1, 2003, at which time he will retire under the CMS pension plans.

OPTION GRANTS IN 2000

Name	Number of Securities Underlying Options Granted	Percentage of Total Options Granted to Employees in 2000	Exercise Price Per Share	Exp
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Name	Shares	Value	Price	Price	Price
William T. McCormick, Jr.	100,000	11.6	\$17.00	3/	
David W. Joos.....	32,000	3.7	17.00	3/	
Alan M. Wright.....	28,000	3.3	17.00	3/	
William J. Haener.....	22,000	2.6	17.00	3/	
Tamela W. Pallas.....	15,000	1.7	17.00	3/	
Victor J. Fryling.....	60,000	7.0	17.00	3/	

(1) The present value is based on the Black-Scholes Model, a mathematical formula used to value options traded on securities exchanges. The model utilizes a number of assumptions, including the exercise price, the underlying stock's volatility of 27.25% using weekly closing prices for a four and one half year period prior to grant date, the dividend rate of \$0.365 per quarter, the term of the option, and the level of interest rates at 6.56%, equivalent to the rate of four-year Treasury Notes. However, the Model does not take into account a significant feature of options granted to employees under CMS' Plan, the non-transferability of options awarded.

AGGREGATED OPTION EXERCISES IN 2000 AND YEAR-END OPTIONS VALUES

Name	Shares Acquired On Exercise	Value Realized	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options at Year End	Value at
William T. McCormick, Jr.	0	\$0	549,000	
David W. Joos.....	0	0	108,000	
Alan M. Wright.....	0	0	90,000	
William J. Haener.....	0	0	112,000	
Tamela W. Pallas.....	0	0	65,000	
Victor J. Fryling.....	0	0	322,000	

(1) All options listed in this table are exercisable. The named officers have no unexercisable options.

(2) Based on the December 31, 2000 closing price of CMS' Common Stock as shown in the report of the NYSE Composite Transactions (\$31.69).

LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLANS -- AWARDS IN 2000

Name	Number of Shares	Period Until Payout	Estimated Future Under Non-Stock Plans (Share Threshold)	Target
William T. McCormick, Jr.	25,000	2-5 Years	6,250	25,000
David W. Joos.....	8,000	2-5 Years	2,000	8,000
Alan M. Wright.....	7,000	2-5 Years	1,750	7,000
William J. Haener.....	5,500	2-5 Years	1,375	5,500
Tamela W. Pallas.....	3,750	2-5 Years	938	3,750

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Victor J. Fryling..... 15,000 2-5 Years 3,750 15,000

(1) Under CMS' Performance Incentive Stock Plan, awards of restricted stock for the above officers vest at the rate of 25% per year after two years and are subject to achievement of specified levels of total shareholder return over a three-year period. The target number of shares as shown above will be earned if 100% of the targeted average 15% annual total shareholder return is achieved. The threshold number of shares will be earned on achievement of 40% of the target, and the maximum number of shares will be earned on achieving 140% of the target.

PENSION PLAN TABLE

The following table shows the aggregate annual pension benefits at normal retirement date presented on a straight life annuity basis under CMS' qualified Pension Plan and non-qualified Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (offset by a portion of Social Security benefits).

Compensation	Years of Service				
	15	20	25	30	35
\$ 500,000	\$157,500	\$210,000	\$247,500	\$ 285,000	\$ 322,500
800,000	252,000	336,000	396,000	456,000	516,000
1,100,000	346,500	462,000	544,500	627,000	709,500
1,400,000	441,000	588,000	693,000	798,000	903,000
1,700,000	535,500	714,000	891,500	969,000	1,096,500
2,000,000	630,000	840,000	990,000	1,140,000	1,290,000

Regular, straight-time salary, as shown in the Summary Compensation Table during the five years of highest earnings, is used in computing benefits under the Pension Plan. In addition, awards under the Executive Incentive Compensation Plan, as shown in the Summary Compensation Table during the five years of highest earnings, are used in computing benefits under the Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan. The estimated years of service for each named executive is: Mr. McCormick, 25.20 years; Mr. Joos, 29.33 years; Mr. Wright, 19.64 years; Mr. Haener, 14.00 years; Ms. Pallas, 2.35 years; and Mr. Fryling, 25.00 years.

ORGANIZATION AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Compensation Philosophy

CMS' executive compensation program is directed by a committee composed entirely of independent outside directors. The Committee is responsible for determining and administering executive compensation policies and plans as well as reviewing and recommending officer appointments to the Board of Directors. The Committee also has the responsibility for approving both annual compensation and awards under long-term stock ownership programs. Such programs seek to enhance the profitability of CMS and, hence, shareholder value by aligning the financial interests of CMS' officers with those of its shareholders. In doing so, the Committee relies to a large degree on incentive compensation including stock-related awards to attract and retain outstanding officers.

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Compensation for Mr. McCormick and the other executive officers consists of a base salary, which is intended to be at the competitive median of the amounts paid to senior executives with equivalent positions at other energy companies of comparable size, and substantial annual and long-term incentive compensation closely tied to CMS' success in achieving earnings, stock appreciation and other performance goals. The incentive program is also designed to be competitive with plans of other comparable energy companies and variable "at risk" compensation is intended to be above median in years when CMS meets or exceeds its performance goals, which in recent years have exceeded industry norms in terms of earnings and dividend growth.

Annual Compensation

Just prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the Committee reviews the base salary of Mr. McCormick and the other officers and approves annual salaries for them based on industry, peer group, and national surveys and judgment as to the past and expected future contributions of each individual. In the case of Mr. McCormick, such judgment also involves the Committee's assessment of his past performance and its expectation as to his future contribution in leading CMS.

The annual incentive compensation (bonus) payment, if any, is based on CMS' success in meeting challenging earnings per share goals set by the Committee at the beginning of each year. In addition, individual performance goals are established for each executive officer for specific financial, operating and management achievements. Following the end of each year, the results on a corporate and individual basis are reviewed by the Committee to determine the appropriate awards. The Executive Incentive Compensation Plan has a threshold payout at 90% of the earnings per share goal and a maximum payout at 120% of goal. Under the Plan for 2000, because the Corporation achieved 97.3% of its earnings per share goal, the Committee granted annual incentive bonuses to officers, including those shown in the Summary Compensation Table. The Plan has a threshold payout at 90% of the earnings per share goal and a maximum payout at 120% of goal. Mr. McCormick's award was based on a standard award under the plan of 75% of his salary, adjusted to reflect the Corporation's earnings relative to goal and the Committee's judgment as to his performance for the year measured against specific, predetermined goals.

Long-Term Compensation

The last element of executive compensation considered by the Committee during each year is long-term incentive awards in the form of stock options and restricted stock awards under CMS' Performance Incentive Stock Plan. The Committee believes such awards are desirable in encouraging Common Stock ownership by executives, thus linking their interests directly to that of other shareholders. Therefore, in 2000, the Committee decided to grant

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stock options with an exercise price equal to the market price on the date of the grant to the officers, including those shown in the above charts. Options have been granted annually, usually for approximately the same number of shares. The Committee believes grants should be made annually on a generally consistent basis. In determining grants, the Committee weighed a number of factors including prior grants and corporate performance. The Committee also awarded performance-based restricted stock which will vest at the rate of 25% per year after two years, with 100% vested after five years. However, the nominal restricted stock award will be paid only if the average annual shareholder return target of 15% is achieved for each three-year performance period. If the average annual shareholder return is less than the target, then the award will be smaller, and if the return is more than the target, then the award will be

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greater.

Compensation Deductibility

The Committee has reviewed CMS' compensation plans and the applicability of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code and regulations thereunder dealing with federal income tax deductibility for compensation in excess of \$1 million. The Committee believes that bonus awards under the Executive Incentive Compensation Plan and awards of stock options and vesting of performance-based restricted stock under CMS' Performance Incentive Plan are considered deductible compensation under the regulations under Section 162(m), because they are based on pre-established performance goals and the plans have been approved by shareholders.

Compensation Consultant

In connection with its ongoing independent review of executive compensation, the Committee has retained Hewitt Associates, a recognized compensation and benefit consultant, to assist the Committee in evaluating the appropriateness and competitiveness of its compensation policies and programs.

Submitted by the Organization and Compensation Committee: Earl D. Holton (Chair), John M. Deutch, William U. Parfet, Kenneth L. Way, Kenneth Whipple, and John B. Yasinsky.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

CMS' and Consumers' audit activities are directed by committees composed entirely of independent outside directors. The Committees are responsible for overseeing the preparation of external financial reports, the adequacy of internal audit controls, the audit process, the independence and performance of the independent accountants, and compliance with legal and regulatory requirements.

We have reviewed and discussed with management CMS' and Consumers' audited financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2000.

We have discussed with the independent auditors, Arthur Andersen LLP, the matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, Communication with Audit Committees, as amended, by the Auditing Standards Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

We have received and reviewed the written disclosures and the letter from the independent auditors required by Independence Standard No. 1, Independence Discussions with Audit Committees, as amended, by the Independence Standards Board, and have discussed with Arthur Andersen LLP the auditors' independence.

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We have considered the provision of all Arthur Andersen LLP services to CMS and Consumers and the fees paid for all such services, and have concluded that all current arrangements are compatible with maintaining the independence of Arthur Andersen LLP.

Based on the reviews and discussions referred to above, we recommended to the Board of Directors that the financial statements referred to above be included in each company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2000.

Submitted by the Audit Committee: William U. Parfet (Chair), John M. Deutch, James J. Duderstadt, Percy A. Pierre, and John B. Yasinsky.

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT COMPENSATION

Audit Fees

The aggregate fee billed by Arthur Andersen LLP for professional services rendered for the audit of the CMS annual financial statements for the year 2000 and for the reviews of the quarterly financial statements was \$1,554,000. The Consumers portion of this total was \$554,000.

Financial Information Systems Design and Implementation Fees

The aggregate fee billed to CMS by Arthur Andersen LLP for professional services related to financial information systems design and implementation was \$154,000, all of which was billed to Consumers.

All Other Fees

The aggregate fee billed to CMS by Arthur Andersen LLP in the year 2000 for services other than those discussed under "Audit Fees" and "Financial Information Systems Design and Implementation Fees" was \$2,150,000. The Consumers portion of this total was \$40,000.

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COMPARISON OF FIVE-YEAR CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN AMONG CMS ENERGY CORPORATION, S&P 500 INDEX & DOW JONES UTILITY INDEX

[COMPARISON OF FIVE-YEAR CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN GRAPH]

	CMS ENERGY -----	S&P 500 -----
1995	100	100
1996	116	123
1997	158	164
1998	178	211
1999	119	255
2000	129	232

Total return assumes reinvestment of dividends.

Fiscal years ending December 31.

Assumes the value of the investment in CMS' Common Stock and each index was \$100 on December 31, 1995.

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RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Subject to the approval of the shareholders, the Board of Directors has appointed Arthur Andersen LLP, independent public accountants, to audit the financial statements of CMS for the year 2001. Arthur Andersen LLP also served as CMS' auditors for the year 2000. A representative of Arthur Andersen LLP will be present at the annual meeting of shareholders and will have an opportunity to make a statement and respond to appropriate questions.

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Approval of the proposal to ratify the appointment of auditors requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of Common Stock voting on the proposal.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

2002 PROXY STATEMENT INFORMATION

A shareholder who intends to submit a proposal for consideration at the 2002 annual meeting pursuant to the applicable rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission must send the proposal to reach CMS' Corporate Secretary on or before December 25, 2001; and in any event if CMS has not received written notice of any matter to be proposed at that meeting by March 10, 2002, the holders of the proxies may use their discretionary voting authority on any such matter. The proposals should be addressed to: Mr. Thomas A. McNish, Vice President and Secretary, Fairlane Plaza South, Suite 1100, 330 Town Center Drive, Dearborn, Michigan 48126.

OTHER MATTERS

The Board of Directors does not know of any other matters that might be presented to the meeting except matters incident to the conduct of the meeting. However, if any other matters (including matters incident to the conduct of the meeting) do come before the meeting, it is intended that the holders of the proxies will vote thereon in their discretion.

The cost of solicitation of proxies will be borne by CMS. Proxies may be solicited by officers and other employees of CMS or its subsidiaries or affiliates, personally or by telephone, facsimile, Internet, or mail. CMS has arranged for Morrow & Co., Inc. 445 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10022, to solicit proxies in such manner, and it is anticipated that the cost of such solicitations will not exceed \$20,000, plus incidental expenses. CMS may also reimburse brokers, dealers, banks, voting trustees or other record holders for postage and other reasonable expenses of forwarding the proxy material to the beneficial owners of shares of stock held of record by such brokers, dealers, banks, voting trustees or other record holders.

In some instances, only one annual report or proxy statement is being delivered to multiple security holders sharing an address unless the company has received contrary instructions from one or more of the shareholders. A shareholder wishing to receive a separate annual report or proxy statement can so notify the company at the address or telephone number below. Similarly, shareholders currently receiving multiple copies of these documents can request the elimination of duplicate documents by contacting the company at Investor Services, 212 W. Michigan Ave, Jackson, MI 49201, telephone 517.788.1868.

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APPENDIX

AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER

I. PURPOSE

The Audit Committee (the Committee) is appointed by the Board of Directors to assist it in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities. The Committee's primary duties and responsibilities are to:

- Oversee Management's and the independent accountant's preparation of external financial reports

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- Monitor the adequacy of internal controls
- Oversee the audit process, including the independence and performance of the Corporation's independent accountants and Internal Audit Department
- Monitor compliance by the Corporation with legal and regulatory requirements

The Committee shall have the authority to call meetings at its discretion and to invite officers and employees of the Corporation and independent accountants to attend. The Committee shall have the authority to require and oversee any investigations that the Committee deems necessary to discharge its responsibilities and to employ whatever auditors, advisors, or consultants that it deems necessary to conduct such investigations. The independent accountants are ultimately accountable to the Board and the Committee; therefore, the Committee and the Board shall have the authority and responsibility to select, evaluate and, when appropriate, replace the independent accountants.

The Committee shall have the authority to provide the proper educational programs for its members to ensure the financial and accounting expertise that is expected of each Committee member.

The Chairman of the Committee shall be consulted before the appointment or removal of the Director of the Internal Audit Department.

II. COMPOSITION

The Committee shall be comprised of three or more directors as determined by the Board, each of whom shall be independent directors and who are financially and relationally independent of the Corporation, as defined by the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE). All members of the Committee shall have a working familiarity with basic finance and accounting practices and be able to read and understand fundamental financial statements including the Corporation's balance sheet, income statement and cash flow statement. At least one member of the Committee shall have accounting or related financial management expertise.

The members of the Committee shall be elected by the Board at its annual organizational meeting to serve until the next organizational meeting or until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified. A Chair for the Committee shall be named by the Board.

III. MEETINGS

The Committee shall meet at least three times annually, or more frequently as circumstances dictate. As part of its responsibility to foster open communications, the Committee shall meet at least annually with management, the

Director of the Internal Audit Department, and the independent accountants in separate private sessions to discuss any matters that the Committee or any of these groups believe should be discussed. The Committee will report its findings and conclusions at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the full Board. The Chair shall designate a person, who need not be a member, to act as secretary and to record the minutes of its proceedings which shall be kept in accordance with the Bylaws of the Corporation. The agenda of each meeting will be prepared by the secretary at the direction of the Chair and, whenever reasonably practicable, delivered to each member before the meeting.

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IV. RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES

The Audit Committee shall do the following:

A. External Financial Reporting:

1. Oversee the Corporation's annual and quarterly financial reporting process, including the related internal accounting controls.
2. Review the results of the annual audit of the consolidated financial statements conducted by the independent accountants and the acceptability and quality of the Corporation's accounting principles as applied in its financial reporting.
3. Review, before publication, the Corporation's annual consolidated financial statements and related accounting policies and changes.
4. Receive assurance of the review by the independent accountants of filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and other published documents containing the Corporation's financial statements to consider whether the information contained in these documents is consistent with the information contained in the annual financial statements.
5. Before announcement or publication of the Corporation's quarterly financial report, review and discuss with Management and the independent accountants, the Corporation's quarterly financial results and the significant events, transactions and changes in accounting estimates which were considered by the independent accountants in performing their quarterly review. Such review shall include a discussion about the quality of reporting. The chairperson of the Committee may represent the entire Audit Committee for purposes of this review.
6. Inquire of management how it accounted for business transactions, activities and exposures and whether any accounting principles were changed.
7. Discuss with the independent accountants and management pending accounting principle changes and their impact on the Corporation, including the effect of implementation on the financial statements.
8. Review with the Corporation's General Counsel, or any outside legal counsel the Committee may select, any legal matters that could have a material impact on the Corporation and any material inquiries or reports received from regulators or governmental agencies.

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9. Report to the Board and to the shareholders whether, based on such reviews and discussions, it recommends to the Board that the most recent year's audited financial statements be included in the Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10K to be filed with the SEC.

B. Internal Controls:

1. In consultation with management, the independent accountants and the Internal Audit Department, consider the integrity of the Corporation's financial reporting processes and the adequacy and effectiveness of internal controls taking into account significant financial risk exposures and the steps management has taken to

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monitor, control and report such exposures.

2. Review significant findings identified by the independent accountants and the Internal Audit Department together with management's responses to such recommendations.
3. Review annually the results of management's program to monitor compliance with the Corporation's employee code of conduct and related corporate policies, and review, whenever necessary, significant cases of employee conflicts of interest or misconduct.
4. Review the reports of the Corporation's Risk Policy Committee concerning the Corporation's risk management activities and compliance with the Corporation's Risk Oversight Policy.
5. Review the annual report of the Internal Audit Department covering their review of the officers' travel and entertainment.

C. The Audit Process:

1. Select and recommend annually to the Board the firm of independent accountants that is to audit and report on the Corporation's consolidated financial statements.
2. Review the annual audit plan and proposed fees of the independent accountants, review the annual audit plan of the Corporation's internal auditors, and request any additional audit work that the Committee deems necessary.
3. Review annually the scope of activities, staffing, budget, results, and effectiveness of the Corporation's internal audit function and advise management of such changes to the internal audit function as the Committee deems necessary.
4. Confirm the independence of the independent accountants, considering the effect on independence resulting from the nature and amounts of fees for all nonaudit services, if any, performed by the independent accountants.
5. Ensure receipt of a formal written statement from the independent accountants regarding relationships and services which may affect their objectivity and independence and discuss any such relevant matters with the independent accountants and recommend that the full Board take action to address the auditor's independence when necessary to satisfy itself of the auditor's independence.

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D. Compliance with Legal and Regulatory Requirements:

1. Provide periodic reports to the full Board concerning the scope and results of the work performed by the Committee.
2. Review and reassess the Audit Committee Charter annually. Submit the charter to the Board for adoption and approval and inclusion in the proxy statement at least once every three years in accordance with SEC regulations.
3. Review and approve required stock exchange certifications and proxy statement disclosures regarding the Committee.

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4. Annually prepare a report to shareholders as required by the SEC stating whether they have:
 - Reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements with management;
 - Discussed with the external auditors the matters required to be discussed by relevant auditing standards; and
 - Received certain disclosures from the external auditors regarding their independence.
 - Recommended to the Board, based upon the review and discussion referred to above, whether the audited financial statements should be included in the Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10K to be filed with the SEC for the last fiscal year.
5. Cause the Corporation to annually, and at any other times when the composition of the Committee changes, to submit the "Written Affirmation Form" addressing the Committee's composition, independence and financial literacy and charter to the NYSE.

Adopted by the Board of Directors, May 26, 2000
Revised February 23, 2001

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[CMS ENERGY LOGO]

COMMON STOCK PROXY
SOLICITED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

The undersigned appoints W. T. MC CORMICK, JR. and T. A. MC NISH, and each of them, proxies with full power of substitution, to vote on behalf of the undersigned at the annual meeting of shareholders of CMS Energy Corporation to be held at the Dearborn Inn, 20301 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn, Michigan, at 10:30 AM on May 25, 2001 and at any adjournment or adjournments thereof. Said proxies, and each of them present and acting at the meeting, may vote upon the matters set forth on the reverse side hereof and with discretionary authority on all other matters that come before the meeting; all as more fully set forth in the Proxy Statement received by the undersigned. The shares represented hereby will be voted on the proposals as specified. IF THIS PROXY IS RETURNED SIGNED BUT NOT COMPLETED, IT WILL BE VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND THE RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS.

PLEASE VOTE, SIGN AND DATE THIS PROXY ON
THE REVERSE SIDE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PROMPT RESPONSE.

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PLEASE VOTE, SIGN AND DATE BELOW

[] TO VOTE AS RECOMMENDED by the Board of Directors on all items, PLEASE MARK THIS BOX, SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THIS PROXY.
(No additional boxes need be marked. If additional boxes are marked, this

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box will take precedence.)

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR ITEMS 1 AND 2.

(1) ELECTION OF [] FOR all nominees listed below (except as indicated below)
DIRECTORS [] WITHHOLD AUTHORITY to vote for all nominees listed below

(01) William T. McCormick, Jr., (02) John M. Deutch, (03) James J. Duderstadt, (04) Kathleen R. Flaherty, (05) Earl D. Holton, (06) William U. Parfet, (07) Percy A. Pierre, (08) Kenneth L. Way, (09) Kenneth Whipple, and (10) John B. Yasinsky.

(INSTRUCTION: To withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee, write that nominee's name on the space provided below.)

	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
(2) Ratification of appointment of auditors	[]	[]	[]

PLEASE SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THIS PROXY.

Signed _____

Dated _____, 2001