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# LOBBYING REPORT

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<b>1. Registrant Name</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organization/Lobbying Firm <input type="checkbox"/> Self Employed Individual CMS ENERGY CORP	
<b>2. Address</b> Address1 1730 Rhode Island Ave., NW, Suite 1007 Address2 _____ City WASHINGTON State DC Zip Code 20036 Country USA	
<b>3. Principal place of business (if different than line 2)</b> City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Country _____	
4a. Contact Name Mr. Brandon J. Hofmeister	b. Telephone Number 5177881229
c. E-mail Brandon.Hofmeister@cmsenergy.com	
5. Senate ID# 9578-12	
7. Client Name CMS ENERGY CORP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self <input type="checkbox"/> Check if client is a state or local government or instrumentality
6. House ID# 311300000	

## TYPE OF REPORT

8. Year 2020 Q1 (1/1 - 3/31)  Q2 (4/1 - 6/30)  Q3 (7/1 - 9/30)  Q4 (10/1 - 12/31)

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report

10. Check if this is a Termination Report  Termination Date \_\_\_\_\_ 11. No Lobbying Issue Activity

## INCOME OR EXPENSES - YOU MUST complete either Line 12 or Line 13

<p align="center"><b>12. Lobbying</b></p> <p><b>INCOME</b> relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:</p> <p>Less than \$5,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$5,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____</p> <p>Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$10,000, of all lobbying related income for the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).</p>	<p align="center"><b>13. Organizations</b></p> <p><b>EXPENSE</b> relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:</p> <p>Less than \$5,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$5,000 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ <u>350,000.00</u></p> <p><b>14. REPORTING</b> Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Method A.</b> Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Method B.</b> Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Method C.</b> Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code</p>
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Signature Digitally Signed By: Brandon J. Hofmeister

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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15. General issue area code TAX

16. Specific lobbying issues

S. 3548, Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act;  
 Electric Vehicle Tax Credit (30D);  
 Alternative Refueling Property Tax Credit (30C);  
 Growing Renewable Energy and Efficiency Now (GREEN) Act of 2019;  
 Support lower rates on taxation of dividends;  
 Protect the interests of the natural gas industry with respect to any tax reform proposals;  
 Promote keeping Interest Deductibility in the tax code for LDCs;  
 Educating Congress regarding impact of tax extenders on LDCs;  
 Promote the development of the natural gas vehicle market by supporting various incentives;  
 Tax Extenders Generally;  
 Tax Credits Generally;  
 S. 2542, the Agriculture and Environmental Stewardship Act of 2019.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies  Check if None

U.S. SENATE, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

First Name	Last Name	Suffix	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
Amy	Plaster			<input type="checkbox"/>
Kiran	Malone			<input type="checkbox"/>

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15. General issue area code HOM

16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 5680, Cybersecurity Vulnerability Identification and Notification Act of 2020;  
S. 3045, Cybersecurity Vulnerability Identification and Notification Act of 2019;  
Issues related to grid security, EMP, and GMD;  
H.R. 370, Pipeline and LNG Facility Cybersecurity Preparedness Act;  
H.R. 3699, Pipeline Security Act.

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15. General issue area code ENV

16. Specific lobbying issues

ENV- Environment/ Superfund  
Climate change issues generally;  
Clean Futures Act;  
Clean Water Act – Guidance on Section 401;  
S. 1602, United States Energy Storage Competitiveness Act of 2007;  
S. 2300, Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007.

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15. General issue area code BUD

16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 748, CARES Act;  
 H.R. 6074, Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act;  
 H.R. 6201, Families First Coronavirus Response Act;  
 H.R. 6379, Take Responsibility for Workers and Families Act;  
 FY 2021 Appropriations, including funding for climate, clean energy technology, and electric transportation programs and provisions to implement federal and state coal combustion residual permit programs under the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act of 2016;  
 S. 3548 – CARES Act;  
 Energy, Water & Related Agencies Legislation. Advocated for appropriations for research and development to improve natural gas technologies and natural gas vehicles;  
 Labor- HHS Appropriations Legislation;  
 Energy, Water & Related Agencies Legislation; Specifically funding for research and development to improve natural gas technologies and natural gas vehicles;  
 Labor- HHS Appropriations Legislation; Specifically funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies  Check if None

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15. General issue area code LBR

16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 1592 – Cybersecurity Skills Integration Act.

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15. General issue area code TRA

16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 2164, Green Bus Act;  
 H.R. 2616, the Clean Corridors Act;  
 H.R. 2906, the Clean Commute for Kids Act;  
 S. 674, the Clean Corridors Act;  
 S. 1750, Clean School Bus Act;  
 S. 1939, Moving FIRST Act;  
 S. 2040, related to transportation;  
 S. 2041, related to transportation;  
 S. 2299, Pipes Act of 2019;  
 S. 2302, America’s Transportation Infrastructure Act;  
 Surface transportation reauthorization;  
 Evacuation/emergency route planning;  
 Fleets;  
 Buy America generally;  
 Alternative fuel vehicles and related infrastructure generally;  
 Natural Gas Vehicles, Promote the development of the natural gas vehicle market.

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15. General issue area code CAW

16. Specific lobbying issues

Clean Water Act issues generally, especially regarding the process for state certifications under CWA section 401 and the definition of "waters of the United States."

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15. General issue area code NAT

16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 3794, the Public Land Renewable Energy Development Act;  
H.R. 5552, the Migratory Bird Protection Act;  
H.R. 5859, the Trillion Trees Act, especially provisions to mitigate wildfire risk to critical infrastructure projects;  
S. 2666, the Public Land Renewable Energy Development Act;  
Draft legislation to amend the Endangered Species Act;  
Wildfire and vegetation management issues generally.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies  Check if None

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15. General issue area code BAN

16. Specific lobbying issues

Issues related to brokered deposit regulations -- no specific legislation; issues related to control interpretations under the Bank Holding Company Act; S.2839 – Eliminating Corporate Shadow Banking Act of 2019; H.R. 5180 - Protecting Consumers from Market Manipulation Act.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies  Check if None

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15. General issue area code TEC

16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 5926, RESILIENT Networks Act;  
Issues related to the FCC's 6 GHz spectrum proposal and other broadband issues.

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15. General issue area code ENG

16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 358, Enhancing Grid Security through Public-Private Partnerships;  
 H.R. 360, Cyber Sense Act and issues related to security of the supply chain;  
 H.R. 1166, the Utilizing Significant Emissions with Innovative Technologies (USE IT) Act;  
 H.R. 1743, Advancing Grid Storage Act;  
 H.R. 1744, related to energy storage;  
 H.R. 2043, Home Owner Managing Energy Saving Act (HOMES Act)  
 H.R. 2114, Enhancing State Energy Security Planning and Emergency Preparedness Act;  
 H.R. 2119, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize grants for improving the energy efficiency of public buildings, and for other purposes;  
 H.R. 2597, Clean Energy Standard Act;  
 H.R. 2636, Smart Cities and Communities Act;  
 H.R. 2664, All-of-the-Above Federal Building Energy Conservation Act;  
 H.R. 2741, the LIFT America Act;  
 H.R. 2986, the BEST Act;  
 H.R. 3828, the Launching Energy Advancement and Development through Innovations for Natural Gas (LEADING) Act;  
 H.R. 5256, the FREEZER Act;  
 H.R. 5428, the Grid Modernization Research and Development Act;  
 H.R. 5518, related to DOE's Clean Cities Program;  
 H.R. 5527, the 21st Century Power Grid Act;  
 H.R. 5530, the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Rebate Act;  
 H.R. 5545, the No EXHAUST Act;  
 H.R. 5570, EV Freedom Act;  
 H.R. 5760: Grid Security Research and Development Act;  
 S. 383, the Utilizing Significant Emissions with Innovative Technologies (USE IT) Act;  
 S. 1201, the Enhancing Fossil Fuel Energy Carbon Technology (EFFECT) Act of 2019;  
 S. 1359, Clean Energy Standard Act;  
 S. 1602, the BEST Act;  
 S. 1685, the Launching Energy Advancement and Development through Innovations for Natural Gas (LEADING) Act;  
 S. 2095, Enhancing Grid Security through Public-Private Partnerships;  
 S. 2137, the Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act;  
 S. 2332, Grid Modernization Act of 2019;  
 S. 2333, Energy Cybersecurity Act of 2019;  
 S. 2556, Protecting Resources on The Electric grid with Cybersecurity Technology (PROTECT) Act;  
 S. 2657, the American Energy Innovation Act;  
 S. 3676, Enhancing State Energy Security Planning and Emergency Preparedness Act;  
 Liability protection as it relates to asks or orders from the U.S. government during a grid and/or national emergency;  
 Issues related to Critical Electric Infrastructure Information (CEII);  
 Discussion Draft, Climate Leadership and Environmental Action for Our Nation's (CLEAN) Future Act;  
 Discussion Draft, Clean Energy Innovation and Deployment Act;  
 Draft grid modernization legislation;  
 Draft transportation legislation;  
 Electricity transmission;  
 Smart communities;  
 Resiliency;  
 Clean energy issues generally;  
 Hydropower relicensing reform issues generally;  
 Issues related to the 2021 National Defense Authorization Act.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies  Check if None

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S. SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

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**Information Update Page - Complete ONLY where registration information has changed.**

20. Client new address

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

21. Client new principal place of business (if different than line 20)

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

22. New General description of client's business or activities

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**LOBBYIST UPDATE**

23. Name of each previously reported individual who is no longer expected to act as a lobbyist for the client

First Name	Last Name	Suffix	First Name	Last Name	Suffix
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**ISSUE UPDATE**

24. General lobbying issue that no longer pertains

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**AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS**

25. Add the following affiliated organization(s)

Internet Address:

Name	Address				Principal Place of Business (city and state or country)
	Street Address	State/Province	Zip	Country	

26. Name of each previously reported organization that is no longer affiliated with the registrant or client

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**FOREIGN ENTITIES**

27. Add the following foreign entities:

Name	Address			Principal place of business (city and state or country)	Amount of contribution for lobbying activities	Ownership percentage in client
	Street Address	State/Province	Country			

28. Name of each previously reported foreign entity that no longer owns, or controls, or is affiliated with the registrant, client or affiliated organization

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**CONVICTIONS DISCLOSURE**

29. Have any of the lobbyists listed on this report been convicted in a Federal or State Court of an offense involving bribery, extortion, embezzlement, an illegal kickback, tax evasion, fraud, a conflict of interest, making a false statement, perjury, or money laundering?

No  Yes

Lobbyist Name	Description of Offense(s)