

Consumers Energy makes executive changes

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Consumers Energy said it plans a major restructuring of its executive operations in an effort to streamline decision-making and increase efficiencies.

Consumers Energy, a unit of Jackson-based CMS Energy, said the moves will eliminate the separate electric and natural gas business operating structures and align the organizational structure along major functional lines. The changes include:

- Frank Johnson, now senior vice president of electric transmission and distribution, will become the senior vice president of energy operations.
- Paul Preketes, currently senior vice president of gas operations, will become the senior vice president of energy delivery.
- Robert Fenech, senior vice president of nuclear, fossil, and hydro operations, will assume a transition leadership role, pending his retirement in June 2007. Fenech will manage the completion of the sale of the Palisades nuclear power plant, and will continue to represent Consumers Energy on the Nuclear Management Company Board of Directors.
- James Coddington, now vice president of fossil operations, becomes vice president of generation operations.
- Jack Hanson, now the site business manager for the Campbell Generating Complex, will become vice president of generation engineering and services.
- James Pomaranski, executive manager of Title I projects and responsible for the utility's \$800 million construction program to reduce emissions at its major coal-fired units, will become vice president of generation construction.
- Ronn Rasmussen, now executive director of rates and business support, will become the vice president of rates and regulation for the utility.

The first changes are effective Dec. 1.

Consumers Energy provides natural gas and electricity to nearly 6.5 million customers throughout Lower Michigan.

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