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Form

Return of Private Foundation or Section 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust Treated as a Private Foundation

OMB No. 1545-0052

2012

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Note. The foundation may be able to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

For calendar year 2012 or tax year beginning _____, 2012, and ending _____, 20____

Name of foundation CMS Energy Foundation		A Employer identification number 38-3575175	
Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) One Energy Plaza		Room/suite EP 8-210	B Telephone number (see instructions) (517) 788-0432
City or town, state, and ZIP code Jackson, MI 49201		C If exemption application is pending, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	
G Check all that apply.	<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return	D 1 Foreign organizations, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Final return	D 2 Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation <input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Address change	E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here <input type="checkbox"/>	
H Check type of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation		F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here <input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other taxable private foundation			
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col (c), line 16) ▶ \$ 116,420	J Accounting method <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis.)		

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses *(The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions))*

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions))		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received (attach schedule)	100,000			
	2 Check <input type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				
	4 Dividends and interest from securities				
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss)				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10				
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV line 2)		0		
	8 Net short-term capital gain			0	
	9 Income modifications				
	10a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
Operating and Administrative Expenses	b Less Cost of goods sold				
	c Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)				
	11 Other income (attach schedule)				
	12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	100,000	0	0	
	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc				
	14 Other employee salaries and wages				
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule)				
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule)				
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)				
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)				
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion				
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings				
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule)	20			20
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	20	0	0	20
25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	9,200			9,200	
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	9,220	0	0	9,220	
	27 Subtract line 26 from line 12				
	a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	90,780			
	b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		0		
	c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-).			0	

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Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only (See instructions)		Beginning of year	End of year	
				(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1	Cash - non-interest-bearing		40,720	116,420	116,420
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments				
	3	Accounts receivable ▶				
		Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			0	
	4	Pledges receivable ▶				
		Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			0	
	5	Grants receivable				
	6	Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions)				
	7	Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) ▶				
		Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			0	
	8	Inventories for sale or use				
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges				
	10 a	Investments - U S and state government obligations (attach schedule)				
	b	Investments - corporate stock (attach schedule)				
	c	Investments - corporate bonds (attach schedule)				
	11	Investments - land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶				
		Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶			0	
	12	Investments - mortgage loans				
	13	Investments - other (attach schedule)				
	14	Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶				
		Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶			0	
	15	Other assets (describe ▶)				
	16	Total assets (to be completed by all filers - see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)		40,720	116,420	116,420
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses				
	18	Grants payable		17,330	2,250	
	19	Deferred revenue				
	20	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons				
	21	Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)				
	22	Other liabilities (describe ▶)				
	23	Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)		17,330	2,250	
Net Assets or Fund Balances		Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.				
	24	Unrestricted		23,390	114,170	
	25	Temporarily restricted				
	26	Permanently restricted				
		Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 27 through 31. ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>				
	27	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds				
	28	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg, and equipment fund				
	29	Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds				
	30	Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)		23,390	114,170	
	31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions)		40,720	116,420	

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

1	Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year - Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	23,390
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	90,780
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	114,170
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	5	
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) - Part II, column (b), line 30	6	114,170

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs MLC Co.)			(b) How acquired P - Purchase D - Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
1a +N/A					
b					
c					
d					
e					
(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)		
a			0		
b			0		
c			0		
d			0		
e			0		
Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69					
(i) F M V as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col. (i) over col. (j), if any	(l) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col. (h))		
a		0	0		
b		0	0		
c		0	0		
d		0	0		
e		0	0		
2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss) { If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7 }			2	0	
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6) If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) (see instructions) If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8 { }			3		

Part V Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income.)

If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank.

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," the foundation does not qualify under section 4940(e). Do not complete this part.

1 Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year, see the instructions before making any entries

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col. (b) divided by col. (c))
2011	43,350	63,744	0.6801
2010	31,620	92,774	0.3408
2009	12,420	105,025	0.1183
2008	26,020	126,617	0.2055
2007	20	134,720	0.0001
2 Total of line 1, column (d)			2 1.3448
3 Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period - divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years			3 0.2690
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2012 from Part X, line 5			4 103,476
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3			5 27,835
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)			6 0
7 Add lines 5 and 6			7 27,835
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate. See the Part VI instructions.			8 9,220

Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948 - see instructions)

1 a Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter "N/A" on line 1		1	0
Date of ruling or determination letter _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary - see instructions)			
b Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b			
c All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col (b).		2	0
2 Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)			
3 Add lines 1 and 2			
4 Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)		4	0
5 Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-		5	0
6 Credits/Payments		7	0
a 2012 estimated tax payments and 2011 overpayment credited to 2012	6a		
b Exempt foreign organizations - tax withheld at source	6b		
c Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c		
d Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d		
7 Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d		7	0
8 Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if Form 2220 is attached		8	
9 Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed		9	0
10 Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid		10	0
11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2013 estimated tax <input type="checkbox"/> Refunded <input type="checkbox"/>		11	0

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

	Yes	No
1 a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?		X
b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see Instructions for the definition)?		X
If the answer is "Yes" to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities		
c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year (1) On the foundation <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 0 (2) On foundation managers <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 0		
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 0		
2 Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS?		X
If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities		
3 Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes		X
4 a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		N/A
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year?		X
If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T		
6 Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?	X	
7 Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? If "Yes," complete Part II, col (c), and Part XV	X	
8 a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) <input type="checkbox"/> MI		
b If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by General Instruction G? If "No," attach explanation	X	
9 Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2012 or the taxable year beginning in 2012 (see instructions for Part XIV)? If "Yes," complete Part XIV		X
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses See Schedule B	X	

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

11	At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule (see instructions)	11		X
12	Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement (see instructions)	12		X
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application?	13	X	
Website address ▶ <u>N/A</u>				
14	The books are in care of ▶ <u>Carolyn A. Bloodworth</u> Telephone no ▶ <u>(517) 788-0432</u>			
	Located at ▶ <u>One Energy Plaza, Jackson, MI</u> ZIP+4 ▶ <u>49201-2276</u>			
15	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here			
	and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		N/A	15 0
16	At any time during calendar year 2012, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country?	16	Yes	No
	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1 If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ <u>N/A</u>			X

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.

	Yes	No
1a During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly)		
(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
b If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)-(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)?	N/A	1b
Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here		
c Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2012?		1c X
2 Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5))		
a At the end of tax year 2012, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2012?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If "Yes," list the years ▶ <u>N/A</u>		
b Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement - see instructions)	N/A	2b
c If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here ▶ <u>N/A</u>		
3a Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
b If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2012 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969, (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest, or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2012)	N/A	3b
4a Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?		4a X
b Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2012?		4b X

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Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (continued)**5a** During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to:

- (1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955), or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 509(a)(1), (2), or (3), or section 4940(d)(2)? (see instructions) ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)-(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)? ☐ Yes ☒ No **5b**Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here ☐**c** If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant? ☐ Yes ☒ No **N/A**

If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945-5(d)

6a Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? ☐ Yes ☒ No **6b****b** Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? ☐ Yes ☒ No **6b**

If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870

7a At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? ☐ Yes ☒ No **7b****b** If "Yes," did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction? ☐ Yes ☒ No **N/A****Part VIII** Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors**1** List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation (see instructions).

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
See Attached				

2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1 - see instructions). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
None				

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000 ☐

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors (continued)**3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services (see instructions). If none, enter "NONE."**

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services		▶

Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.	Expenses
1 See Part XV, Lines 2 & 3	
2	
3	
4	

Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments (see instructions)

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2	Amount
1 None	
2	
All other program-related investments See instructions	
3	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3	▶ 0

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Part X Minimum Investment Return (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see instructions.)

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities	1a	
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	105,052
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	105,052
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1e	
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	105,052
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2 % of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	1,576
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	103,476
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	5,174

Part XI Distributable Amount (see instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations check here ☐ and do not complete this part)

1	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6	1	5,174
2a	Tax on investment income for 2012 from Part VI, line 5	2a	0
b	Income tax for 2012. (This does not include the tax from Part VI)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	0
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	5,174
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	5,174
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	
7	Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	5,174

Part XII Qualifying Distributions (see instructions)

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc. - total from Part I, column (d), line 26	1a	9,220
b	Program-related investments - total from Part IX-B	1b	0
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2	
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the:		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3b	
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	9,220
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b (see instructions)	5	
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	9,220

Note. The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years.

Part XIII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2011	(c) 2011	(d) 2012
1 Distributable amount for 2012 from Part XI, line 7				5,174
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2012				
a Enter amount for 2011 only				
b Total for prior years 20____, 20____, 20____				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2012				
a From 2007	0			
b From 2008	19,689			
c From 2009	7,169			
d From 2010	26,981			
e From 2011	40,163			
f Total of lines 3a through e	94,002			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2012 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ \$ 9,220				
a Applied to 2011, but not more than line 2a . . .				
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required - see instructions).				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required - see instructions)				
d Applied to 2012 distributable amount				5,174
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus . .	4,046			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2012 . (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))				
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	98,048			
b Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b		0		
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed				
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b Taxable amount - see instructions		0		
e Undistributed income for 2011 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount - see instructions			0	
f Undistributed income for 2012 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2013				0
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (see instructions) . .				
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2007 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions) . . .	0			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2013. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	98,048			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2008 . . .	19,689			
b Excess from 2009 . . .	7,169			
c Excess from 2010 . . .	26,981			
d Excess from 2011 . . .	40,163			
e Excess from 2012 . . .	4,046			

Part XIV Private Operating Foundations (see instructions and Part VII-A, question 9)

1 a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2012, enter the date of the ruling **N/A**

b Check box to indicate whether the foundation is a private operating foundation described in section

☐ 4942(j)(3) or ☐ 4942(j)(5)

2 a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed

Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
(a) 2012	(b) 2011	(c) 2010	(d) 2009	
				0
b 85% of line 2a	0	0	0	0
c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed				0
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities				0
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c	0	0	0	0
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon				
a "Assets" alternative test - enter				
(1) Value of all assets				0
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i).				0
b "Endowment" alternative test - enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed				0
c "Support" alternative test - enter				
(1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties).				0
(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii).				0
(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization				0
(4) Gross investment income				0

Part XV Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the foundation had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year - see instructions.)**1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:**

a List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000) (See section 507(d)(2))

None

b List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest

None

2 Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc., Programs:

Check here ☐ if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc (see instructions) to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d.

a The name, address, and telephone number or e-mail of the person to whom applications should be addressed

Carolyn A. Bloodworth, One Energy Plaza, Jackson, MI 49201-2276 (517) 788-0432

b The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include:

See Attachment

c Any submission deadlines:

None - Applications are accepted at any time

d Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors.

See Attachment

Part XV **Supplementary Information** (continued)**3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment**

<div>Recipient</div> <div>Name and address (home or business)</div>	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
a Paid during the year See Attached	N/A		See Part XV, Line 2d	
Total			3a	9,200
b Approved for future payment None				
Total			3b	0

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated

(See worksheet in line 13 instructions to verify calculations)

Line No.	Explain below how each activity for which income is reported in column (e) of Part XVI-A contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the foundation's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes). (See instructions)
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[illegible]

1 Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?		Yes	No
a Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of			
(1) Cash	1a(1)		X
(2) Other assets	1a(2)		X
b Other transactions			
(1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization	1b(1)		X
(2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization	1b(2)		X
(3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets	1b(3)		X
(4) Reimbursement arrangements	1b(4)		X
(5) Loans or loan guarantees	1b(5)		X
(6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations	1b(6)		X
c Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees	1c		X
d If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule. Column (b) should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting foundation. If the foundation received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column (d) the value of the goods, other assets, or services received.			

[illegible]



2a Is the foundation directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If "Yes," complete the following schedule

(a) Name of organization	(b) Type of organization	(c) Description of relationship
N/A		

correct, and complete Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge

Sign Here correct, and complete Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge

 Signature of officer or trustee	<u>8/14/13</u> Date	 Secretary/Treasurer Title
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May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below (see instructions)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name ▶			Firm's EIN ▶	
	Firm's address ▶			Phone no	

Schedule of Contributors

OMB No 1545-0047

2012

► Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

CMS Energy Foundation

38-3575175

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

☐ 501(c)() (enter number) organization

☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation

☐ 527 political organization

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☒ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

Note. Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

- ☒ For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II.

Special Rules

- ☐ For a section 501(c)(3) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3 % support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) and received from any one contributor, during the year, a contribution of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II
- ☐ For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III
- ☐ For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but these contributions did not total to more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$5,000 or more during the year ► \$ _____

Caution. An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2 of its Form 990, or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on Part I, line 2 of its Form 990-PF, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

Name of organization <u>CMS Energy Foundation</u>	Employer identification number <u>38-3575175</u>
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Part I Contributors (see instructions) Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	CMS Energy Corporation One Energy Plaza Jackson, MI 49201-2276	\$ 100,000	Person <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution)
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Schedule of Operating and Administrative Expenses

Part 1

Line 23, Other Expenses:

State of Michigan - Filing Fees

\$20

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Attachment

Part VIII, Line 1:

Officers & Directors	Average Hours Per Week Devoted to Position	Compensation	Contributions to Employee Benefit Plans	Expense Account, Other Allowances
John G Russell, Chairman of the Board and Director One Energy Plaza Jackson, MI 49201-2276	0 2	-0-	-0-	-0-
David G Mengebier, President and Director One Energy Plaza Jackson, MI 49201-2276	5 0	-0-	-0-	-0-
Carolyn A Bloodworth, Secretary/Treasurer and Director One Energy Plaza Jackson, MI 49201-2276	15 0	-0-	-0-	-0-
James E Brunner, Director One Energy Plaza Jackson, MI 49201-2276	0 2	-0-	-0-	-0-
John M. Butler, Director One Energy Plaza Jackson, MI 49201-2276	0 2	-0-	-0-	-0-
Mark D. Fletcher, Director One Energy Plaza Jackson, MI 49201-2276	0 2	-0-	-0-	-0-
Timothy L. Mehl, Director One Energy Plaza Jackson, MI 49201-2276	0 2	-0-	-0-	-0-
Richard R. Mukhtar, Director One Energy Plaza Jackson, MI 49201-2276	0 2	-0-	-0-	-0-
Phillip G. Polyak, Director One Energy Plaza Jackson, MI 49201-2276	0 2	-0-	-0-	-0-
Thomas J. Webb, Director One Energy Plaza Jackson, MI 49201-2276	0 2	-0-	-0-	-0-

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Part XV, Line 2(b)

Information Regarding Contribution Programs;

(b.) Application Format

The initial application should be in narrative format, not exceeding two pages on one side each, and must include confirmation that the requesting organization is currently a non-profit corporation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. After a preliminary review by the Foundation, the applicant may be asked to provide additional information.

Part XV, Line 2(d)

(d.) Guidelines for Grant Seekers

CMS Energy Foundation was established to provide financial support to organizations classified by the Internal Revenue Service as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Such organizations generally define their programs as those which:

- (1) Provide preventative solutions to problems faced by individuals and families who are unable to address their own needs;
- (2) Protect and enhance the physical environment;
- (3) Provide education initiatives, directed primarily to schools of higher learning;
- (4) Participate in community and civic endeavors that support programs focusing on economic development at the community, regional and statewide levels;
- (5) Increase awareness in culture and arts programs, creating wider recognition of cultural assets, and provide services to regions or populations who would otherwise be unable to participate.

The Foundation will consider requests from qualified organizations to support operating budgets and capital fund programs for construction, refurbishment or purchase of buildings, structures, equipment or other physical enhancements. Normally, the Foundation will not contribute to endowments.

Geographic

The principal focus of the CMS Energy Foundation includes those communities where CMS Energy has facilities and business investments.

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Part XV, Line 2(d)

(Continued)

No contributions are made to:

- individuals;
- organizations that do not qualify as charitable organizations as defined by the Internal Revenue Service;
- organizations that practice discrimination on the basis of sex, age, height, weight, marital status, race, religion, sexual orientation, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, handicap, or veteran status;
- organizations whose operating activities are already supported by the United Way (except when the request is approved by the appropriate community United Way organization);
- political organizations and political campaigns;
- religious organizations when the grant will be used for denominational or sectarian purposes;
- labor or veterans organizations, fraternal orders or social clubs;
- debt reduction campaigns;
- sports tournaments
- talent or beauty contests
- loans for small business; or
- individual sponsorship related to fundraising.

The Foundation does not purchase tickets or make payments to events or celebrations to raise funds for charitable purposes, nor does it sponsor advertising supporting these efforts.

Volunteer Investment Program

The CMS Energy Foundation recognizes and supports employees and retirees who volunteer their time and talent to improve the quality of life in their communities. Through the Volunteer Investment Program, the Foundation awards grants to nonprofit organizations on behalf of employees and retiree volunteers.

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Part XV - Supplementary Information

Line 3a Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year:

<u>Type of Grant</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reference</u>
Foundation Grants	6,000	Exhibit A
Volunteer Investment Program (VIP) Grants	3,200	Exhibit B
Total Payments in 2012	<u><u>\$9,200</u></u>	

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Foundation Grants - 2012
Part XV, Line 3a - Exhibit A

Payee Name	Payee Address	Amount	Payment Date
American Cancer Society	930-B Wellness Drive Greenville, NC 27834	\$1,000	4/23/12
City of Long Beach	1 West Chester Street Long Beach, NY 11561	\$5,000	12/3/12
TOTAL		\$6,000	

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Payee Name	Amount
Coastal Carolina AYFL Craven Jaguars 106 Wildflower Way Pollocksville, NC 28573	\$950 00
Genesee School District of Flint 923 E Kearsley Street Flint, MI 48503	\$400.00
Easter Seals UCP North Carolina & Virginia, Inc 2801 Neuse Blvd New Bern, NC 28560	\$250 00
BSA East Carolina Council Troop 97 Beech Grove Methodist Church 1037 Washington Post Road New Bern, NC 28560	\$600.00
Craven County Schools West Craven High School 2600 Streets Ferry Road Vanceboro, NC 28586	\$600.00
Craven County Schools West Craven High School 2600 Streets Ferry Road Vanceboro, NC 28586	\$400 00
TOTAL	\$3,200 00