

**TIMOTHY J. SPARKS**VICE PRESIDENT,
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Timothy J. Sparks is vice president of energy supply operations for Consumers Energy, the principal subsidiary of CMS Energy. He has overall responsibility for daily energy supply operations, which includes commodity purchasing and delivery, power supply cost recovery and gas cost recovery matters, generation dispatch and gas control operations, and regulatory compliance. Sparks was named to this position in 2010.

Prior to his current position, Sparks was director of fossil fuel supply and oversaw the procurement and transportation of fuel for the company's fossil fuel generating plants. He helped develop the utility's electric fuel cost recovery for regulatory filings and provided fuel price forecasts for electric rate cases and power supply cost recovery cases, and corporate planning.

From 2001 to 2006, Sparks served as director of electric system planning and protection and was responsible for the relay protection and planning of the utility's high-voltage electric system. Before 2001, he held increasingly responsible engineering and management positions in the company's electric system operations and electric transmission areas. Sparks joined the company in 1990 as a graduate engineer and handled electric system, bulk power substation, distribution substation and customer substation planning for western Michigan.

Sparks graduated from Michigan Technological University with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering. He also received a master's in business administration from Western Michigan University. Sparks is a registered professional engineer with the state of Michigan and a senior member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

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