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CMS Energy Corp. said it would begin paying a 10-cent-a-share quarterly dividend, the company's first since 1984.

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Consumers Power Co., now the main unit of CMS Energy, ran into financial problems over its \$ 4.2 billion Midland nuclear plant, which was abandoned as a nuclear facility in 1984 because of construction delays and high costs.

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CMS is nearly done converting the Midland plant to a gas-fired cogeneration facility at a cost of \$ 600 million.

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CMS management said Thursday that they planned to recommend paying a modest dividend when the board of directors met Friday.

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The dividend will be paid Nov. 22 to shares of record Nov. 7.

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The company suffered a loss of \$ 270 million in 1985, but its financial situation has been improving since then.