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[Customer Choice Coalition Steering Committee Meeting](#)

October 3
11 a.m.
SBAM

[Energy Michigan Winter Meeting](#)

October 30
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Holiday Inn-South, Lansing
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[Michigan's New Renewable Energy Law - Challenges, Compliance & Opportunities](#)

Sponsored by the Michigan Sustainable Energy Coalition
October 21 and October 22
Holiday Inn-South, Lansing
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Sites of Interest

- [About the Customer Choice Coalition](#)
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[Consumers Energy Plans To Ask For Another Rate Hike Soon](#)

Get ready to hold onto your pocketbook. Consumers Energy told Wall Street analysts on Oct 9 it is planning to ask for another rate hike soon, and hopes to increase its rate base by \$575 million from 2008 to 2012 through construction of its planned coal plant near Bay City. Provisions in the state's recently passed electric law allow the company to start getting paid for that plant years before electricity is delivered.

The company also noted the many favorable parts of the package that will raise electric rates for customers - to the benefit of Wall Street. It noted the super fast approval process for rate hikes demanded by the new law allowing the utility to raise rates in six months even without approval of state regulators and the caps on competition which allow the utility to raise rates with less fear of customers leaving.

The bottom line: Michigan customers will be feeling the impact of higher rates caused by the pro-utility legislation recently passed by Michigan lawmakers before the end of 2009.

For the complete presentation, please [click here](#). The report begins on page 8 of the document.

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