

## **CONSUMERS ENERGY ANNOUNCES LAKE ALLEGAN LEVEL TO RETURN TO NORMAL**

ALLEGAN, Mich., Aug. 8, 2010 – Consumers Energy announced today that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment has directed the company to elevate the Lake Allegan surface level to its normal level with its Calkins Bridge (Consumers Energy's Lake Allegan) Dam.

The MDNRE notified Consumers Energy that the Kalamazoo River oil spill cleanup contingency plan that required a two-foot drawdown of Lake Allegan last week has been revised, clearing the way for the water level's return to normal.

Consumers Energy will alter flow at its Calkins Bridge Dam to complete the increase today: Sunday, August 8.

Lakefront property owners and recreational users of Lake Allegan are encouraged to consider how the changing lake levels required by the oil spill cleanup contingency plan could affect their activities, boat dockage conditions and safety.

The Calkins Bridge Dam, which creates Lake Allegan, was acquired by Consumers Energy in 1969 and produces more than 13 million kilowatt-hours of electricity a year, enough to meet the power needs of 1,550 residential customers.

Consumers Energy, the principal subsidiary of CMS Energy, provides natural gas and electricity to nearly 6.5 million of Michigan's 10 million residents in all 68 Lower Peninsula counties.

###

*For more information about Consumers Energy, visit our Website [www.consumersenergy.com](http://www.consumersenergy.com)*

*Consumers Energy Hydro Dams Media Contact: Dennis McKee, 616/836-9913*

*MDNRE Media Contact: Kalamazoo District Office, 269/567-3565 (email Kameron Jordan: [jordank@michigan.gov](mailto:jordank@michigan.gov))*

*Allegan County Emergency Management Contact: Scott Corbin, 269-673-0571 (email Scott Corbin: [scorbin@allegancounty.org](mailto:scorbin@allegancounty.org))*