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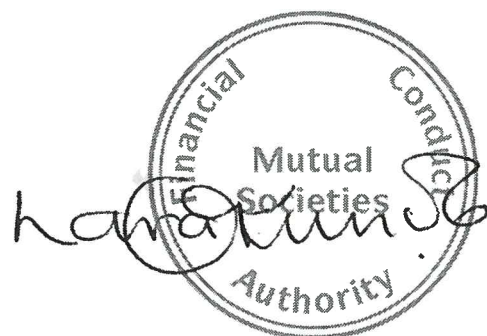
**CO-OPERATIVE AND COMMUNITY BENEFIT SOCIETIES ACT 2014**

*Acknowledgement of registration of a rule amendment*

The FCA today acknowledges the registration of the amendment of the attached rules under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 for:

Society name: **Southern Community Energy Society Limited**  
Registration number: **7148**

Date: **21 October 2015**



Annex A:

Partial amendment of rules of  
Southern Community Energy Society Limited

Register Number: 7148

Rule 92 "Application of Profits"

Delete:

"Members of the Society will be rewarded primarily through a social dividend rather than a monetary dividend. Any profits of the Society shall be applied as follows in such proportions and in such manner as may be decided by the Society at the annual general meeting:

- (a) To a general reserve for the continuation and development of the Society; or
- (b) To making payment for social or community purposes within the community served by the Society".

And replace with:

" Any profits of the Society shall be applied as follows in such proportions and in such manner as may be decided by the Society at the annual general meeting:

- (a) *To a general reserve for the continuation and development of the Society; and*
- (b) *To making payment for social or community purposes within the community served by the Society."*

Signatures if three members:

..... M. B. McNeill  
..... S. Tyson  
..... A. Heslop

AND

Signature of the secretary:

..... A. Heslop





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## Mutual Societies Application Form

Amendment of rules for a society or credit union

### Full name of society or credit union:

Southern Community Energy Society Limited

### Important information you should read before completing this form

This form should be used to register a rule amendment by societies registered under:

- Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 (including credit unions)
- Friendly Societies Act 1974 (unless a branch of a friendly society)

This form should not be used by building societies or societies registered under the Friendly Societies Act 1992.

Please note:

- we have an information note that may assist you in completing this application.
- any personal data
- it is important you do not, it may be

Please keep a copy of the



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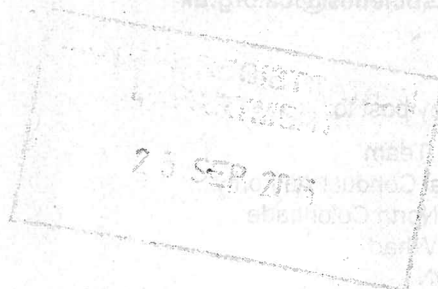


### Terms in this form

'FCA' 'PRA', 'us' and 'we' refer to the Financial Conduct Authority or Prudential Regulation Authority.

'You' refers to the person signing the form on behalf of the society or credit union.

'The 2014 Act' refers to the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014





## Mutual Societies Application Form

### Amendment of rules for a society or credit union

#### Filling in the form

- 1 If you are using your computer to complete the form:
  - use the TAB key to move from question to question and press SHIFT TAB to move back to the previous question; and
  - print out the completed form and arrange for it to be signed by all relevant individuals.
- 2 If you are filling in the form by hand:
  - use black ink;
  - write clearly; and
  - arrange for it to be signed and dated by all relevant individuals.
- 3 If you make a mistake, cross it out and initial the changes; do not use correction fluid.
- 4 If you:
  - leave a question blank;
  - do not get the form signed; or
  - do not attach the required supporting information

without telling us why, we will treat the application as incomplete. This will increase the time taken to assess your application.

- 5 If there is not enough space on the form, you may use separate sheets of paper. Clearly mark each separate sheet of paper with the relevant question number. Any separate sheets should be signed by the signatories to the form.
- 6 Email a scanned copy of the signed form and supporting documents to

**mutual.societies@fca.org.uk**

or

send it by post to:

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Financial Conduct Authority  
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## Details of rule changes

## Society details

## 1.1 Society or credit union details

Register number	7148
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## Proposed changes – Partial or complete?

## 1.2 Are you applying for a partial or complete amendment of rules?

- ☒ Partial      ▶ Continue to question 1.3  
☐ Complete      ▶ Continue to question 1.5

## Partial amendment of rules

## 1.3 You must attach the following:

- Two printed copies of the amendment of rules, set out as per Annex A (see Notes),
  - each signed by three members and the secretary of the society or credit union (four signatures in total)
  - with one set of rules marked 'X'
- A printed copy of the existing set of rules showing tracked changes.

☒ Attached

## 1.4 Is your society either:

- a registered society under the 2014 Act, or
- a credit union amending its membership qualification?

☒ Yes      ▶ Please confirm that you have completed the relevant appendix:

Registered society	▶ Appendix 1 Part 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed
Credit union	▶ Appendix 2 parts 2&3	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed

☐ No      ▶ Continue to question 1.8.

Continue to question 1.8.



**Complete amendment of rules****1.5 Please confirm that you have completed the relevant appendix:**

Registered society	▶ Appendix 1 Parts 1 & 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed
Credit union	▶ Appendix 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed
Friendly society	▶ Appendix 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed

**1.6 You must attach the following:**

- **Two** printed copies of the amendment of rules, set out as per Annex A (see Notes),
  - each signed by three members and the secretary of the society or credit union (four signatures in total)
  - with one set of rules marked 'X'

☐ Attached**1.7 Have you used model rules provided by a sponsoring body?**☐ No ▶ Continue to question 1.8.☐ Yes ▶ Enter the name of the model being used and the name of the sponsoring or trade body who provided the model.**Continue to question 1.8.****Signature****1.8 The secretary of the society or credit union must sign and date below**

Signature	<i>A. Heslop</i>
Contact telephone	01229 821028
Date	24/09/2015

**Continue to section 2.**



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## Appendix 1 – Part 1

All societies registered under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 (2014 Act) must complete Part 1.

### 1.1 What business, industry or trade does the society carry out?

- a) the development, installation, management, operation, generation, transmission and supply of energy from renewable and low carbon energy sources.
- b) the conservation of energy through advice on energy efficiency including energy efficient products and the supply of energy efficient products.
- c) the generation of income to provide grants to community organisations in the locality of any energy project supported by the Society.
- d) the promotion of awareness of environmental and related issues and support for educational initiatives related to renewable energy.
- e) enable the local and wider community to share in the ownership of, and reinvest in, renewable and low carbon energy generation and energy efficiency initiatives.

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### 1.2 Which condition of registration is the society meeting?

- ☐ bona fide co-operative society (go to question 1.3)
- ☒ conducts business for the benefit of the community (go to question 1.8)

### Bona fide co-operative

### 1.3 How do members benefit from the business industry or trade of the society?

### 1.4 Is membership of the society required to obtain the benefits offered by it?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

### 1.5 In what way do members participate in an ongoing basis in the society's primary business?



**1.6 How do members democratically control the society?**

**1.7 How does the society use any surplus/profit?**

If the society distributes the surplus/profit to members please explain how this is to be done.

**Benefit of the community**

**1.8 Who are the community the society benefits?**

Community local to the generator(s).

**1.9 How does the society benefit that community?**

The society is in the process of developing its first renewable energy plant. Once built the society will benefit the community by reducing climate change emissions, alleviating fuel poverty, improving energy security and helping to foster sustainable development by working with like minded organisations, through supporting projects and educational work. By being involved in and supporting the development, installation, management, operation, generation, transmission and provision of the supply of energy from the renewable energy plant. By increasing understanding of sustainability in general and specifically by providing advice on energy efficiency, including on energy efficient products and the supply of energy efficient products.

**1.10 How does the society use any surplus/profit?**

- 1) To a general reserve for the continuation and development of the Society;
- 2) To making payments for social and community purposes in accordance with the objectives.

**Complete the next page if applying for a complete rule amendment**