

Annual Return (AR30) form

Society Name: Eastry Energy Limited

Society Num: 7246

An Annual Return must be completed by all societies registered under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 ('the Act') (including any societies previously registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965). The Annual Return must include:

- this form;
- a set of the society's accounts; and
- where required, an audit report or report on the accounts.

A society must submit the Annual Return within 7 months of the end of the society's financial year. Failure to submit on time is a prosecutable offence.

Please note that this form, including any details provided on the form, will be made available to the public through the Mutuels Public Register.

For guidance on our registration function for societies, which includes guidance on the requirement to submit an Annual Return, please see [here](#)

2.1 What date did the financial year covered by these accounts end?

31/12/2020

3.1 Please provide the names of the people who were directors of the society during the financial year this return covers.

Some societies use the term 'committee member' or 'trustee' instead of 'director'. For ease of reference, we use 'director' throughout this form.

Name of Director	Month of Birth	Year of Birth
Patrick Crawford	Nov	1958
Chris Rowland	Sep	1963
Julie Salmon	Apr	1967
Nick Rouse	Sep	1946
Nicholas Owens	Dec	1954

3.2 All directors must be 16 or older. Please confirm this is this case:

All directors are aged 16 or over

3.3 Societies are within the scope of the Company Director Disqualification Act 1986 (CDDA). Please confirm that no director is disqualified under that Act:

No director is disqualified

3.4 Please state any close links which any of the directors has with any society, company or authority.

'Close links' includes any directorships or senior positions held by directors of the society in other organisations.

Other directorships

Patrick Crawford: Ouse Valley Energy Services Co CIC, The Lewes Pound CIC. Chris Rowland: Meadow Blue Community Energy CBS, Merston Renewable Energy CIC, Ouse Valley Energy Services Co CIC. Julie Salmon: Orchard Community Energy CBS, Orchard Farm Community Solar CIC. Nick Rouse: Meadow Blue Community Energy CBS, Ouse

3.5 Please provide the name of the person who was secretary at the end of the financial year this return covers.

Societies must have a secretary

Name of Secretary

Month of Birth

Year of Birth

Julie Salmon

Apr

1967

4.1 Please confirm that:

accounts are being submitted with this form

the accounts comply with relevant statutory and accounting requirements

the accounts are signed by two members and the secretary (3 signatures in total)

4.2 Based on the accounts, please provide the information requested below for the financial year covered by this return.

Number of members

72

Turnover

23,402

Assets

238,690

Number of Employees

0

Share Capital

235,300

**Highest rate of interest
paid on shares**

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4.3 What Standard Industrial Classification code best describes the society's main business?

Where more than one code applies, please select the code that you feel best describes the society's main business activity. You will find a full list of codes [here](#)

SIC Code

Production of electricity (35110)

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Societies are required to appoint an auditor to audited unless they are small or have disapplied this requirement. For further guidance see chapter 7 of our guidance:

<https://www.fca.org.uk/publication/finalised-guidance/fg15-12.pdf>

5.1 Please select the audit option the society has complied with:

- Full Professional Audit
- Auditor's report on the accounts
- Lay Audit
- No audit

5.2 Please confirm the audit option used by the society is compliant with the society's own rules and the Act

We have complied with the audit requirements

5.3 Please confirm any audit report (where required) is being submitted with this Annual Return

- Yes
- Not applicable

5.4 Is this society accepted by HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) as a charity for tax purposes?

- Yes

No

5.5 If the society is registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) please provide your OSCR registration number.

Registered

Not applicable

5.6 Is the society a housing association?

No

Yes

6.1 Is the society a subsidiary of another society?

Yes

No

6.2 Does the society have one or more subsidiaries?

(As defined in sections 100 and 101 of the Act)

Yes

No

All societies are registered meeting one of two conditions for registration. These are that the society is either:

- a bona fide co-operative society ('co-operative society'); or
- are conducting business for the benefit of the community ('community benefit society').

Your society is registered meeting the condition for registration that it is conducting its business for the benefit of the community.

For further information on the condition for registration, please see chapter 5 of our guidance [here](#).

Community benefit societies must answer the following questions in relation to the financial year covered by this return.

7B.1 What is the business of the society?

For example, did you provide social housing, run an amateur sports club etc.

The installation and management of solar panels on the roofs of schools in East Sussex

7B.2 Please describe the benefits to the community the society delivered?

Here we are looking to see what the benefits to the community were. Community can be said to be the community at large. For example, did you relieve poverty or homelessness through the provision of social housing.

By installing solar panels on school roofs we are able to reduce electricity bills for the school. The panels are also used for education and information exchange with local pupils and each of the communities that the school is in.

7B.3 Please describe how the society's business delivered these benefits?

The business of the society must be conducted for the benefit of the community. Please describe how the society's business (as described in answer to question 7B.1) provided benefit to the community.

The CBS is able to deliver reduction in electricity bills by charging them less than alternative electricity suppliers.

An electricity monitor is put in schools so that pupils can access information about electricity generation and how much CO2 is saved. Talks are given at schools to them about

7B.4 Did the society work with a specific community, and if so, please describe it here?

For instance, were the society's activities confined to a specific location; or to a specific group of people? Please note that in serving the needs of any defined community, the society should not inhibit the benefit to the community at large.

The CBS aims to put solar panels on schools across East Sussex.

7B.5 What did the society do with any surplus or profit?

For instance, did you pay a dividend to members (and if so, on what basis); did money get reinvested in the business; put into reserves; used for some other purpose?

Interest at 4% was paid on shares. Excess profits will be put into reserves for future projects.

7B.6 Please state any significant commercial arrangements that the society has, or had, with any other organisation that could create, or be perceived as creating, a conflict of interest.

Please tell us how you ensured that any such conflict of interest did not prevent the society from acting for the benefit of the community.

There are no arrangements that could create a conflict of interest.