

Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014

Acknowledgement of registration of a rule amendment

This document acknowledges the registration of the amendment of the attached rules under Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 for:

Society: Meadow Blue Community Energy Limited

Registration number: 7099

Date: **17 February 2022**



Partial amendment of rules of Meadow Blue Community Energy Limited

Register number: 7099

Rule 29 (a)

Delete 'All withdrawals shall be paid in the order in which the notices were received by the Society.' and substitute 'All requests for withdrawals shall be processed and paid in accordance with the Society's Share Buy Back policy as agreed by the Directors and communicated to the Members from time to time.'

Signatures of three members

Roger Marshall
J. Waterhouse
CLB

Signature of the secretary

N. Fawcett

Partial Rule Amendment form

Society Name: Meadow Blue Community Energy Limited

Society Num: 7099

Use this form to register a partial rule change for a society registered under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 ('2014 Act') except credit unions. Partial amendments change, add to, or delete some rules from the existing registered rules. If your rule amendment involves the renumbering of rules, please apply for a complete amendment instead.

To register a partial amendment of rules we need:

- this completed form
- one signed copy of the proposed rule amendment (or two copies where not submitting electronically). The amendment should be worded as a direction to members, telling them exactly what they should do to make the necessary changes to their own copy of the rule book. Please see page x for an example.
- a marked up version of the rules tracking changes made to the model when a set of model rules is used
- a completed [Statutory Declaration form](#).

This form, including any details provided on the form, will be made available to the public through the Mutuels Public Register.

Societies may find it helpful to read Chapter 3 of our guidance on our registration function under the 2014 Act before completing this [form](#)

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.

We must maintain arrangements that are designed to enable us to determine whether a society is complying with the 2014 Act. One way we do this is by requiring societies to complete the questions in the next section.

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.

3B.1 What is the business of the society?

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

Renewable energy generation in Sussex

3B.2 Please describe the benefits to the community the society?

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

Increased renewable energy generation CO2 reduction and education about renewable energy & Climate Change.

3B.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 3B.1) provides benefit to the community.

The society will offer advice on microgeneration and energy efficiency & environmental measures

3B.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 community the society benefits will be residents of Sussex

3B.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?

Any surplus/profit, after paying interest on the share capital, any interest on debt and any management fees will be set aside for a community benefit fund. Use of the fund will be focused on local microgeneration projects and energy efficiency measures for the benefit of the community. As well as educational and environmental benefits.

3B.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.

At board meetings the must directors disclose any conflicts of interest. If a director or directors are perceived to have a conflict of interest the board can exclude the director or directors from decision making or voting.

3B.7 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.

Merston Community Energy CIC. Ouse Valley Energy Services Limited CIC. OVESCO Limited CBS. Eastry Energy CBS. Ouse Valley Solar Farm CBS. Barcombe Energy CBS. Community Energy South Limited.

4.1 Please confirm the rules have been signed by 3 members and the secretary (4 signatures in total)

☒ The rules contain the required signatures

4.2 Please confirm either:

- ☐ Model rules have not been used.
- ☐ Model rules have been used without amendment
- ☒ An amended set of model rules have been used, and a marked up copy detailing the changes made to the model is included with the application.

5.1 Please confirm you have completed and are submitting a Statutory Declaration along with this application form.

☒ Completed Statutory Declaration enclosed

Example Partial Rule Amendment

Please click [here](#) for an example partial rule amendment

Section 5 – Statutory Declaration


5.1 Please complete this statutory declaration

An officer of the society or credit union must complete this section:

Name	Chris Rowland
Role	Director

I do solemnly and sincerely declare that the amendment of the rules of the said society or credit union, a copy of which is attached marked 'X', complies with 1969 Act/2014 Act (as applicable) and has been duly made by the society in the manner provided in its rules for the making, altering or rescinding of rules.

I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and by the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835.

Signature	
Date 7/1/22	

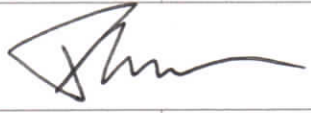
This was declared before me, a:

Solicitor ☒

Commissioner for oaths ☐

Notary Public ☐

Justice of the Peace ☐

Name	John Astbury
Declared at:	ASTBURYS SOLICITORS Lewes House, 32 High Street Lewes BN7 2LU Tel: 01273 405900 www.astburys.co.uk
Signature	
Date	7/1/22