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Register NOW to Receive Your 2023 Power Dividend

A power dividend payment of \$240 will be paid in 2023 from Hawke's Bay Power Consumers' Trust (HBPCT) to all power consumers in Hawke's Bay who are connected to Unison Networks Limited (UNL).

HBPCT Chair, Diana Kirton says "The dividend of \$240 after tax will be paid to every power account holder in the Napier and Hastings regions of Hawke's Bay, but only if they are registered for direct credit".

The online registration portal opened today, 17 October, at www.hbpct.co.nz. Power consumers who register before 5pm, Thursday 16 November 2023 can expect to receive dividend payments from Friday 24 November 2023. Any registrations received after 16 November will be paid on later dates.

"We encourage all power consumers, even those who registered last year, to head into the portal to check their bank and address details are correct. If you haven't yet registered, or if your bank account or address details have changed in the past 12 months, you will need to register your correct information to receive payment," said Ms Kirton.

Over the next week every account holder will be contacted direct by email, post or text with instructions on how to register or check their registered details, as well as receiving their unique 6-digit code. To register for direct credit, consumers will need their:

- Unique 6-digit code (sent by email, text or post)
- ICP Number (found on your power bill)
- Bank account details

"Trustees are pleased to announce the 2023 payment remains in line with the 2022 payment, despite the severe impact of Cyclone Gabrielle in February" said, Diana Kirton.

"I want to reassure consumers who were disconnected due to Cyclone Gabrielle. If you are now connected to power at a new address, you will be entitled to a dividend



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payment through your new connection. If you are not reconnected to power at a new address, please call a Trust Representative on 0800 535 738 to discuss your situation”.

“I also ask consumers to look out for their whānau and friends who may need help registering for direct credit, so they don’t miss out”, said Ms Kirton.

The cut-off date for determining who is eligible for a payment was 30 September 2023. All those power consumers in Hawke’s Bay who are connected to Unison’s electricity network on that date will receive one payment per connection, with a maximum of three payments for any one customer.

All information, including frequently asked questions, are available on the Trust website at www.hbpct.co.nz. For those who can’t get online, information and support to register is available on 0800 535 738.