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Power Consumers Urged to Register for Their 2023 Power Dividend

The Hawke's Bay Power Consumers' Trust (HBPCT) is urging all power consumers in Hawke's Bay to ensure they are registered, or have checked their registered details, for the upcoming direct credit payment of the annual Trust dividend.

HBPCT Chair, Diana Kirton says "We are now halfway through registration, so power consumers need to register before 5pm, Thursday 16 November 2023 to receive the dividend payment into their bank accounts from 24 November."

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

"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," said Ms Kirton.

The registration portal has been open online at www.hbpct.co.nz since 17 October. All power consumers, even those who registered last year, should head to 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. We ask that you please look out for whanau or friends who may need help with the registration process also. We don't want anyone to miss out on the \$240 they are entitled to," said Ms Kirton.

Every eligible power account holder has now been contacted direct by email, text or post with instructions on how to register or check their registered details, and their unique 6-digit code. To register for direct credit, consumers will need their:

- Unique 6-digit code
- ICP Number (found on your power bill)
- bank account details

All information is 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.



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At its annual public meeting on 26 July, the Hawke's Bay Power Consumers' Trust (HBPCT) announced they had received a \$15.8million dividend payment from UNL. This payment brings the total direct financial benefit consumers have received from Trust ownership since 1999 to around \$250 million.