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Check or register now for the 2026 $275 Power Dividend

15 October 2026

Power consumers connected to Unison's electricity network in Napier and Hastings District will receive $275 per eligible connection this year as the annual dividend payment from the Hawke's Bay Power Consumers' Trust (HBPCT).

The dividend portal is now open, and from 15 October eligible power consumers will begin receiving information directly from HBPCT by email, text or post encouraging them to check their existing details or register for the first time. Payments will be made by direct credit.

HBPCT owns Unison Networks Limited on behalf of its beneficiaries. The Power Dividend returns dividend income from that ownership to eligible power consumers.

HBPCT Chair Kirsten Westwood says checking details will help ensure payments are made smoothly and to the correct bank account.

"Registration is now open, and we encourage eligible power consumers to check their details or register by 5pm Tuesday 17 November to be included in the first payment run," Ms Westwood said.

"If you have registered before, please check that your bank account and contact details are still correct. If you have not registered before, you will need to register so your dividend can be paid by direct credit."

Consumers who check or register their details by 5pm Tuesday 17 November 2026 will be included in the first payment run, with payments beginning from Tuesday 24 November 2026. Registrations received after this date will be processed in later weekly payment runs.

Consumers who registered for direct credit previously are encouraged to check that their bank account and contact details remain up to date. If their details have not changed, no further action may be required, and payment will be made to the same nominated bank account.



Consumers registering for the first time will need:

- their unique six-digit code, sent by HBPCT
- their ICP number, found on their power bill or electricity retailer's app
- their bank account details.

"We hope this provides a welcome boost to households ahead of the end of the year," Ms Westwood said.

"We also encourage people to check in with whānau and friends who may need help with the registration process so they can receive the dividend they are entitled to."

The eligibility date for the 2026 Power Dividend is 30 September 2026. Eligible power consumers whose names were on electricity accounts for properties connected to Unison's electricity network in Napier and Hastings District on that date can receive one payment per eligible connection, up to a maximum of three payments per consumer.

Further information, including frequently asked questions, is available on the HBPCT website. Consumers who cannot access the website or need help can call freephone **0800 535 738**.

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Note to the Editor:
At the Hawke's Bay Power Consumers' Trust (HBPCT) annual public meeting on 30 July, it was announced the Trust received an $18.3 million dividend payment from Unison Networks. This year's payment brings the total direct financial benefit consumers have received from Trust ownership since 1999 to over $303 million.