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Check or register by 17 November for the first $275 Power Dividend payment run

3 November 2026

Eligible power consumers connected to Unison's electricity network in Napier and Hastings District are reminded to check their details or register by 5pm Tuesday 17 November 2026 to be included in the first payment run, beginning Tuesday 24 November.

The Hawke's Bay Power Consumers' Trust (HBPCT) has confirmed a 2026 Power Dividend of $275 per eligible connection.

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 people who have registered previously should check that their bank account and contact details are still correct, while those who have not registered before will need to register.

"If you have received the Power Dividend before, please take a moment to check that your details are still up to date. If you have not registered before, you will need to register your bank account details so your dividend can be paid by direct credit," Ms Westwood said.

"Check or register by 5pm Tuesday 17 November to be included in the first payment run, beginning Tuesday 24 November."

Registration will remain open after 17 November. Consumers who register after that date will still receive their dividend, but their payment will be made in a later weekly payment run.

The online dividend portal opened on 15 October and can be accessed through the HBPCT website.

Eligible power consumers have been contacted directly by email, text or post with information about checking their existing details or registering for the first time.

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 also encourage people to check in with whānau and friends who may need help checking their details or registering," Ms Westwood said.

"Registration does not close on 17 November, so anyone who registers after that date will still receive the dividend they are entitled to."

Eligible consumers are those whose names were on electricity accounts for properties connected to Unison's electricity network in Napier and Hastings District on 30 September 2026. The dividend is paid 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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Notes 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.