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ENERGY TRUST APPOINTS NEW TRUSTEE

The Eastern Bay Energy Trust has appointed David Bulley as one of the two appointed Trustees, to replace Robin Wray who has retired.

The Trust is the major shareholder of Horizon Energy, which owns the electricity network throughout the Eastern Bay of Plenty. The Trust Deed allows for the appointment of two Trustees who possess particular skills that are beneficial to the Trust. These Trustees are appointed for a period of two years.

David Bulley is a qualified distribution engineer, with 40 years in the electricity supply industry. His expertise lies mainly in business development, marketing and more recently as general manager of Bay of Plenty Electricity (now Bay of Plenty Energy) until his retirement in 2005.

David has supported the work of the Trust and the distribution of grant funding in both his previous management roles at Bay of Plenty Electricity. *"We are very lucky to have the Trust in the Eastern Bay, particularly in the current financial climate when other funding organisations are cutting grant funding. The Trust has contributed to some very good community outcomes and I am looking forward to working with the other trustees to make sure this continues"*

David is a strong advocate for the energy efficiency work being undertaken by the Trust and its subsidiary Energy Options, having been involved with energy efficiency initiatives in both the industrial and residential homes sectors in the UK, where he was born and educated.

With his wife Anne, David emigrated to New Zealand and Ohope in 1995, and claims to be living in Paradise due to the lifestyle, climate and the friendly people of the Eastern Bay.

David is actively involved in the community, as president of the Eastern Bay Triathlon and Multisport Club, as a mentor for the Business Mentors of New Zealand, and as a member of the Ohope Community Board – from which he has resigned to take up the Trustee position. His interests include competing in triathlons - representing New Zealand in the Age Group Triathlon World Champs in Lausanne in 2006 - and playing golf.

Eastern Bay Energy Trust Chairman Kevin Hennessy announced the appointment and said *"The contribution made by Robin Wray over the past 6 ½ years has been invaluable, and we wish him well in his retirement. The Trustees considered several candidates to replace Robin, and selected David Bulley because of his extensive business skills, strategic and marketing strengths, knowledge of the Trust and the industry in which it operates, and his commitment to the Eastern Bay and the people who live here. David is highly respected in the community and we are confident that he will make an excellent contribution to the Trust and its beneficiaries"*.

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