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Nominations for Eastern Bay Energy Trust open this Friday

Nominations open this Friday, August 5, for the election of two trustees to the Eastern Bay Energy Trust.

The two trustees are to be elected from the Whakatane District Council and/or Kaingaroa Village area of the Trust's district.

The Trust has a total of six trustees, including four elected and two appointed trustees. Of the four elected trustees, two are from the Whakatane District Council and/or Kaingaroa Village areas, one from the Kawerau District Council area and one from the Opotiki District Council area. Two trustees are elected every two years.

To be eligible for nomination, a candidate must be aged over 18 years, and be resident within the Whakatane District Council or Kaingaroa Village area of the Trust's district.

Any person who is employed in a senior management position, or is an elected member of any territorial authority or regional council within the district, is not eligible for election as a trustee. To be eligible for nomination, a candidate must not be a director or employee of an electricity company.

Nomination forms are available from the Eastern Bay Energy Trust office, 21 McAlister Street, Whakatane, or by phoning the Electoral Office on 0800 922 822 to have one posted out.

Nominations must be received by the Electoral Officer by 12 noon on Friday 19 August 2005.

If more than two nominations are received, the election begins with the mailing of voting documents to electricity consumers in the Whakatane District Council and Kaingaroa Village areas from Thursday 15 September 2005.

Completed voting documents must be returned to the Electoral Officer by noon on Friday 30 September 2005 and the preliminary results will be available later that afternoon.

For more information please contact: The Electoral Office, Eastern Bay Energy Trust, telephone 0800 922 822.