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Nominations for Eastern Bay Energy Trust open this Friday

Nominations open this Friday, 3 August, for the election of two trustees to the Eastern Bay Energy Trust, being:

- one trustee to be elected from the Kawerau District Council area; and
- one trustee to be elected from the Opotiki District Council area.

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 and the 2007 election is for the vacancies in the Kawerau District Council area and the Opotiki District Council area.

To be eligible for nomination, a candidate must be aged over 18 years, and be resident within the Kawerau District Council area (for the Kawerau District Council area vacancy) or the Opotiki District Council area (for the Opotiki District Council area vacancy).

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, Concordia House, 17 Pyne 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 17 August 2007.

If more than one nomination is received for each vacancy, the election begins with the mailing of voting documents to electricity consumers in the respective area from Wednesday 19 September 2007.

Completed voting documents must be returned to the Electoral Officer by noon on Monday 1 October 2007 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.