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TRUST CONTRIBUTES TO FLOOD RELIEF

The Eastern Bay Energy Trust has contributed \$20,000 to the Mayoral Relief Fund for Whakatane and Opotiki districts. This donation is in addition to several other initiatives undertaken by the Trust to assist consumers in the Eastern Bay, following the recent flooding.

The Trust has been working with Environment BOP and rural groups to provide assistance with the hireage of generators and pumps to drain the floodwater from affected farms, as well as the diesel to keep them operating. The mobile generator owned by Horizon and funded by the Trust earlier this year was also kept busy during the emergency.

Trust Chairman Toni Owen said "The Trust is working on other initiatives including gaining support from companies outside the region, and focusing particularly on the needs of the worst-affected Eastern Bay farm businesses. We expect to announce more details shortly".

A power bill relief package to be funded by the Trust will mean that consumers who were evacuated due to flooding or land slips will also receive a \$100 credit on their electricity account. In partnership with Horizon Energy Distribution Limited and Bay of Plenty Electricity, the Trust will provide the credit to those people who have registered with Civil Defense as being affected by flooding, slips or other issues during the emergency.

People who have questions about the relief package should contact Bay of Plenty Electricity Customer Services on 0800 500 710.

Mrs Owen said "The Trust fund is for the benefit of all consumers throughout the Eastern Bay of Plenty, and the Trustees feel strongly that using a large amount of the fund to help alleviate the stress caused by the emergency, will ultimately assist with the recovery of the region.

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