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IPPs SUBMIT PROPOSALS ON SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 5 (Bernama) -- Independent Power Producers (IPPs) today made several proposals to Energy, Telecommunications and Post Minister Datuk Leo Moggie on how they can share social responsibilities with Tenaga Nasional Berhad.

The ministry's Secretary-General Datuk Nuraizah Abdul Hamid did not provide details on the proposals made at the meeting between Moggie and the IPP representatives.

Describing the meeting as positive, she told Bernama a second meeting would be held with the IPPs to fine tune the details before they were forwarded to the government.

The hour-long meeting was attended by representatives from PD Power, YTL Power Generation Sdn Bhd, Powertek Bhd, Genting Sanyen Power Sdn Bhd, Segari Energy Ventures, the Persatuan Penjana Bebas and Tenaga Nasional.

Today's meeting was at the request of the IPPs following the call by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that they also share social responsibilities with Tenaga Nasional.

The government had expressed the hope that the IPPs could play their social role by supplying electricity to the rural areas to ease the burden of the TNB.

Dr Mahathir had cautioned the IPPs against burdening TNB by demanding high prices for the electricity and had said that the government might have to call a halt to the construction of more independent power plants as the IPPs were merely involved in power generation and not distribution. --

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