

TNB energy to approach government departments to deploy energy-efficient solutions
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Coinciding with the government's mission to reduce its electricity bill by five percent, TNB Energy Services Sdn Bhd aims to approach all government departments to deploy its energy efficient solutions in their premises.

Speaking to Bernama, its Managing Director, Mohd Azhar Abdul Rahman said the solutions required less energy usage but provided the same service, thus it could reduce government spending.

In December last year, the government announced that it would enforce 11 cost-cutting measures for the public sector this year in the wake of rising concerns over a spate of price increases, including the hike in electricity tariff.

Effective January 1, 2014, electricity tariff rate had increased by an average of about 14.89% (4.99 sen per kilowatt) for Peninsular Malaysia, and by about 17% (5.0 sen per kilowatt) for Sabah and Labuan.

Mohd Azhar said the company would not only help the government achieve its objectives, but the national utility corporation's unit would also tackle commercial and industrial buildings.

According to him, TNB Energy Services had started offering its services to public hospitals and it was expected to get the nod from the Education Ministry and the Melaka state government.

The company also wants Putrajaya and Iskandar Malaysia to use electricity efficient products in order to cut their electricity cost.

"We are ready to help the government save on electricity cost, and we want to educate the public sector and all Malaysians to consume energy efficiently," he said.

With the savings on electricity cost using the energy-efficient solutions, he said both government and non-government buildings could use the money for other components such as raw materials and equipment.

One of the energy-efficient solutions is by replacing incandescent lamps with light-emitting diode (LED) lamps, which have longer lifespan and are several times better.

In educating Malaysians to have the right mindset on energy efficiency, TNB Energy Services had organised several awareness campaigns nationwide, which received positive response from the public.

Meanwhile, TNB Energy Services' Head of Engineering and Consultancy Services, Hamdan Ali, said currently an industrial building or factory can save up to 35% in energy for pumps, 25% for

chillers, 20% for cooling towers and 60% for lighting system.

"All these can potentially help the company save up to RM10,000 or more in monthly electricity bills, depending on the size of the building," he said.

Hamdan added that although equipping a building with energy-efficient solutions might cost a considerable sum but it will make the world a better place to live in for the longer term.

TNB Energy Services will not only be busy in the country as it also planned to expand its business abroad, specifically to the Middle East.

In this regard, it is looking into ways to work with government-linked companies that have been successful in their ventures in the Middle East.

There is also a possibility that it might form a special purpose vehicle to undertake the foreign jobs. – Bernama, January 31, 2014.

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