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KUALA LUMPUR: Domestic and non-domestic low-voltage consumers using smart meters now have the opportunity to benefit from the Time of Use (ToU) scheme, aimed at helping them manage daily energy consumption more efficiently.

According to the official myTNB website, the ToU scheme, also available to customers with current transformer operated meters or remote meter reading systems, offers greater flexibility for users to manage their energy usage according to their individual needs.

"With the option to schedule electricity usage during cheaper off-peak hours, consumers can now proactively reduce their monthly bills without compromising comfort," said Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) on its official website.

The initiative is part of the Energy Commission's recent announcement of a new electricity tariff structure that allows consumers to shift their usage to more affordable off-peak periods.

The ToU scheme has been revised and expanded to include longer

off-peak periods, the entire day on Saturdays and Sundays as well as from 10pm to 2pm the following day on weekdays (Monday to Friday).

Peak hours are from 2pm to 10pm on weekdays.

For instance, consumers who shift the use of household appliances such as washing machines, air conditioners or electric vehicle chargers to off-peak hours may enjoy savings on their electricity bills.

"The off-peak energy charge for monthly usage of 1,500 kilowatt hours

(kWh) and below is set at 24.43 sen/kWh. Meanwhile, the peak energy charge for the same monthly usage is 28.52 sen/kWh for ToU consumers, compared with 27.03 sen/kWh for general domestic consumers," the website explained.

To help users better understand potential savings, TNB has introduced an online electricity bill calculator on the myTNB portal.

Consumers can select their preferred tariff and estimate their bill before deciding to switch to the ToU scheme.

Applications to switch to the ToU scheme can be submitted starting July 1 by emailing the completed application form and required documents to tnbtou@tnb.com.my or by visiting the nearest Kedai Tenaga.

Online applications via the myTNB portal will be available from Aug 1.

For more information, visit www.mytnb.com.my/tariff or contact TNB CareLine at 1300-88-5454. Information and assistance are also available at all Kedai Tenaga branches nationwide. – Bernama