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KOTA KINABALU: The National Consumer Foundation Malaysia (Sabah Chapter) calls on Sabah Electricity Sdn Bhd (SE) to review and adjust its electricity tariffs to reflect the recent tariff reductions implemented by Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) in Peninsular Malaysia.

The Federal Government has taken proactive measures to reduce electricity costs for the majority of TNB's domestic consumers as part of its broader strategy to ease the cost of living burden, especially for low- and middle-income households.

This initiative, under the new Regulatory Period 4 (RP4), will see many domestic users in the peninsula benefiting from lower or stable bills starting 1 July 2025.

However, consumers in Sabah have yet to experience similar benefits.

As a utility provider owned predominantly by the Federal Government, SE should align its tariff policy with the spirit of the Federal Government's cost-of-living relief measures, said National Consumer Foundation Malaysia (Sabah Chapter) chairman David Chan.

He said electricity is a basic necessity that directly affects household expenses, small businesses and the broader economy.

Lower tariffs will not only ease financial pressures on Sabah consumers but also stimulate local economic activity by reducing operational costs for

businesses.

"We therefore urge SE to conduct an immediate tariff review to assess the feasibility of lowering rates for domestic consumers, especially for households consuming less than 1,000 kWh per month, introduce efficiency incentives and rebates similar to those implemented in Peninsular Malaysia and engage with consumer representatives to ensure transparency and fairness in any tariff adjustments.

"The people of Sabah deserve equitable access to affordable electricity, in line with the Federal Government's efforts to support the B40 and M40 groups.

This is a matter of fairness, equity and national solidarity," he said.