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THE new electricity tariff that took effect from July 1 is designed to encourage the exploration and use of renewable energy sources among non-domestic users, the Dewan Rakyat was told.

Deputy Energy Transition and Water Transformation Minister Akmal Nasrullah Mohd Nasir said the revised tariff structure aims to reflect the actual cost of electricity supply and promote sustainability by providing a fair and equitable platform for participation among non-domestic users.

He said this change is expected to drive interest and investment in renewable energy (RE) sources, contributing to Malaysia's goal of achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.

"The transparency in supply cost components is designed to motivate non-domestic users to explore renewable energy options, providing them with more competitive alternative electricity sources," he said during Question Time.

He was responding to Zahir Hassan (PH-Wangsa Maju), who asked how the implementation method of the new electricity tariff schedule reflects the commitment to energy transition in order to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.

Akmal Nasrullah said the new tariff schedule, announced in June, introduced a more transparent framework that breaks down charges into energy, capacity, network and retail components for each user category.

He said this restructuring is part of a broader strategy to educate users on the complexities of electricity supply costs and smarter energy consumption.