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KUALA LUMPUR: The industrial sector is encouraged to use high-efficiency electric motors to optimise electricity use, providing savings for industry players.

The Energy Commission (ST) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Unit deputy director Zulkiflee Umar said yesterday most electric motors entering Malaysia do not meet the required minimum level of electrical efficiency.

"When this component is inefficient, the electricity bill will be high. We want to suggest that one day we make this mandatory to ensure that inefficient electric motors no longer enter Malaysia.

"However, the investment is a bit expensive, but in terms of savings, industry players can enjoy savings of 20 to 40%. For example, if their bill is RM100,000 a month, 40% of savings would amount to RM40,000 a month."

He said this when appearing as a guest on Bernama TV's *Apa Khabar Malaysia* programme.

Zulkiflee said the commission also plans to continue the Sustainability Achieved Via Energy Efficiency (SAVE) 4.0 programme next year, though it is still in the application process.

Regarding the practice of using electricity for domestic consumers, ST's Promotions and External Relations Unit deputy director Veliana Ruslan said the public can practice prudent electricity use.

Veliana mentioned that practices such as turning off lights, modems, electrical items, and air conditioners when not in use, as well as cleaning electrical items like dusty fans, can increase electrical efficiency and provide consumers with up to 10% savings. – Bernama