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**PUTRAJAYA:** The government is encouraging Malaysians to switch to the Time of Use (ToU) scheme to cut electricity bills and boost national energy efficiency amid volatile global energy prices.

The Energy Transition and Water Transformation Ministry said 128,868 consumers had switched to the ToU scheme as of February, a clear sign of growing public awareness of the need for smarter energy management.

It said in a statement that the scheme offers lower rates during off-peak hours and higher rates during peak hours, giving a real incentive to change daily usage habits and save money, Bernama reported.

Under the scheme, peak hours are weekdays from 2pm to 10pm when demand and rates are high. Off-peak hours include overnight to early morning, weekends and public holidays when rates are lower.

It advised users to shift energy-intensive activities, such as running air conditioners, operating washing machines, using water heaters and charging electric vehicles, to off-peak hours to maximise savings.

"This approach not only lowers electricity bills but also supports more efficient, sustainable energy use."

It is seen as a key initiative to help Malaysians control electricity costs.



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