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KUALA LUMPUR: The National Energy Efficiency Policy and Action Plan 2026–2035 (NEEAP 2.0) aims to deliver RM85.24 billion in utility savings, reduce national energy demand by 11.6 per cent, and achieve cumulative energy savings of 815,383 terajoules by 2035.

The policy and action plan also include a greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions avoidance of 26,108 kilotonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂eq).

Economy Minister Akmal Nasrullah Mohd Nasir, who officiated the launch of the NEEAP 2.0 here on Tuesday, said the plan is guided by the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act 2024.

“The Act marks an important shift towards institutionalising efficiency across our economy.

“Together with the next phase of national policy, including thermal energy management, it will encourage users to optimise consumption, improve competitiveness and reduce pressure on the grid,” he said in his speech at the 7th International Sustainable Energy Summit

(ISES 2026).

He said that over ten years, the NEEAP 1.0 delivered electricity savings of 60,886 gigawatt-hours, exceeding its target of 52,233 gigawatt-hours.

“This is equivalent to an estimated GHG reduction totalling 35.6 million tonnes and savings of approximately RM16.1 billion,” said Akmal Nasrullah.

He opined that energy efficiency must become standard business practice and a national productivity tool, and ultimately, a way of life.

The NEEAP 2.0 focused on four strategic thrusts, namely, implementation of energy efficiency (EE) plan; reskilling and upskilling the workforce for operational EE improvement; sustainable funding mechanisms; and facilitating private sector EE initiatives and investments.

Key initiatives include improving EE across the industrial, building and domestic sectors through measures such as energy-efficient facilities, energy audits, and regulating new equipment and appliances. –Bernama