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# Off-peak power tariff rates for homes



**MALAYSIA** is looking at implementing a new electricity tariff system that will incorporate off-peak rates, which

may give some relief to millions of residential customers.

"It is currently in the planning stages," says an official source, adding that the details have yet to be finalised.

The source adds that the new tariff will also be on a subscription basis instead of being a fully mandatory system.

"We are looking at people volunteering to participate. Those wanting to do so would have to change their meters and be charged for it," the source adds.

Tenaga Nasional Bhd currently has an Off Peak Tariff Rider (OPTR) scheme offered to all medium-voltage commercial and industrial customers not enjoying off-peak-use tariff rates.

According to the TNB website, customers enrolled in the OPTR scheme will enjoy a 20% discount on electricity use during off-peak hours (10pm to 8am) every day.

The source says the proposed off-peak tariff will also be applicable to residential users. For homes, non-peak rates are likely to apply



The off-peak rates may give some relief to millions of residential customers

during office hours.

The news of Malaysia's looking at a peak power tariff system was mentioned in passing by Malaysian Power Corp CEO Datuk Abdul Razak Abdul Majid at a recent Business Circle event organised by the

Malaysian Performance and Delivery Unit (Pemandu).

Malaysians were informed on Dec 2 that electricity tariffs will be pushed up by 15% in 2014 due to the rationalisation of gas prices, the main source of Malaysia's power.