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PUTRAJAYA: The quota for the Net Energy Metering (NEM) programme under the domestic category, known as NEM Rakyat, has been increased by an additional 100 megawatts (MW), bringing the total quota allocated since the programme's inception in 2011 to 600MW.

In a statement, the Energy Transition and Water Transformation Ministry (Petra) said the additional quota is now open to all domestic users under Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) until June 30, or until the quota is fully subscribed — whichever comes first.

Petra said the move follows an overwhelming response from the public, which led to the exhaustion of the existing NEM Rakyat quota.

"In light of the strong interest, Petra has decided to expand the NEM Rakyat quota to enable more domestic users to harness their rooftop spaces for the installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems," the statement read.

The latest guidelines for the NEM Rakyat programme can be accessed via the Energy Commission's website at www.st.gov.my, while further details on the application process are available on the Sustainable Energy Development Authority (Seda) Malaysia's website at www.seda.gov.my.

The ministry also said that Petra, together with the Energy Commission (ST) as the regulatory authority for the electricity supply industry, is currently reviewing new mechanisms and implementation methods for rooftop solar initiatives.

The aim is to ensure that upcoming renewable energy (RE) initiatives are more inclusive, equitable and beneficial to all electricity consumers. – The Sun