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DEVELOPER'S REQUEST

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Govt to see if current rate at 9 sen per kilowatt hour can be further reduced

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THE government will re-assess the community access charge for solar projects as part of efforts to draw more players into renewable energy initiatives and ensure wider national benefits.

Energy Transition and Water Transformation Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof said the move follows a request from Sime Darby Property Bhd (SD Property), which recently launched Malaysia's first residential rooftop solar project at its City of Elmina township.

"The rate has been revised down by about 40 per cent. We need to review it to see its viability, whether it can be further reduced or not. We want to ensure the programme benefits the people," he said here yesterday.

The charge, introduced under the Community Renewable Energy Aggregation Mechanism (CREAM), currently stands at nine sen per kilowatt hour (kWh), down from the initial 15 sen.

SS Property group managing



Energy Transition and Water Transformation Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof, who is also the deputy prime minister, looking at an exhibit during the launch of the solar CREAM programme at Sime Darby Property Bhd's Elmina sales gallery in Shah Alam yesterday. NSTP
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director and chief executive officer Datuk Seri Azmir Merican had earlier called for further adjustments to encourage greater industry participation.

The developer's flagship initiative adopts a rooftop leasing model, enabling homeowners to generate solar power without upfront capital.

Under CREAM, households can earn passive income from leasing their rooftops while supporting Malaysia's energy transition.

SS Property will install, operate and manage the solar infrastructure in partnership with GSPARX Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary of Tenaga Nasional Bhd.

The renewable energy generated will be channelled into

TNB's grid and supplied to SD Property's nearby Innovation Park, designated as the local green energy consumer.

Azmir said the pilot project offers a scalable model that supports both community participation and the national transition towards cleaner energy.

"By turning homeowners into active participants, we are reducing the community's carbon footprint while supporting property value creation and potential income generation for residents.

"We thank the Energy Transition and Water Transformation Ministry for driving this effort and we are proud to play our part in advancing the nation's renewable energy agenda.

"The collaboration demonstrates how public-private partnerships can accelerate Malaysia's renewable energy transition in a scalable, community-focused manner," he said.

SS Property plans to expand this initiative to more of its townships, further scaling the CREAM framework.

The pilot currently covers more than 6,000 units across Elmina Green, Ilham Residences, Elmina Garden and Elmina Valley.

Fadillah said Malaysia has reached 30 per cent of the renewable energy mix, which is on track to meet the government's goal of 31 per cent by this year under the National Energy Transition Roadmap.