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The Energy Commission's Statement in Response to The Star's Article on 8 April 2023 Titled: Short Position: Green Power Poser

Putrajaya, 10 April 2023 – The Energy Commission (Suruhanjaya Tenaga – ST) appreciate feedback from the media regarding the release of the latest updated guidelines on the Corporate Green Power Programme (CGPP), on Friday 7th April 2023.

Nonetheless, based on such feedback from the Star in their article “Short Position” in StarBizweek, published on Saturday 8th April 2023; we are writing to the media today to clarify some misconceptions and/or misunderstandings on the abovementioned guidelines.

Firstly, it was reported that the quota under the CGPP was increased from 600 MW to 800 MW by the Energy Commission on March 14th. This is not accurate; the Commission does NOT have the power to unilaterally increase quotas and/or originate or make changes to any policy direction or directives for that matter. Policy direction and directives is the purview of the Minister-in-charge, and the authority to increase the quota from 600 MW to 800 MW of CGPP vests with the Minister of Natural Resources, Energy and Climate Change (‘NRECC’) and was duly announced as such, by the Minister himself: YB Nik Nazmi bin Nik Ahmad, during his speech on 9 March 2023 during the launch of the Malaysia Energy Transition Outlook on that date. He further announced that the timeline for the take-up of this increased quota of 800 MW, is the EARLIER of the end of this year or until the full allocation of that quota based on successful applications.

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With this announced increase in quota by the Minister, there were also further necessary consequential refinements to the guidelines which was delegated to the Commission by the Minister, for execution. Given such refinements, the extension of time for submission of applications is to provide both the Solar Power Producer ('SPP') and the Corporate Consumer ('CC'), due preparatory time to understand the latest guidelines and make any necessary alterations to their submissions thereto.

With respect to the allocation of quota to “deserving recipients” as per the Star article, we refer to paragraphs 8.2 and 8.3 of the latest guideline. Acceptance of any application for the provision of the quota is critically based on completeness and compliance to all of the Eligibility Criteria as laid out in Section 7 of the guideline. Those who fail to either complete or comply with the requirements will be rejected, and will not be allowed to resubmit for another 30 days from the date of the rejection letter – hence, putting these failed applicants at a major disadvantage against those who duly complete and comply their applications in accordance with the guidelines.

For those applicants who have completed and complied accordingly, the priority of allocation of the quota is based on time stamp of their submitted applications. Hence, the “first come, first served” basis is merely an indication of time priority but ONLY for those applicants who clearly have both completed and complied with the guidelines. For those who have not, and have been duly rejected – their relevant time stamp of their (final) applications would only be recorded once their applications are duly completed and compliant.

We take this opportunity to remind all hopeful applicants that as per para 8.2, that applications can only be received on or after 10am on 9 May 2023 and NOT prior to this time. Those who breach this would be asked to resubmit their application in a compliant fashion, after the designated time for receipt of applications.

We at the Commission is intending to hold “Q&A session” of the CGPP guideline which will be held using a hybrid format (i.e. both physical and virtual) to answer any queries that industry participants may have. Information on this session will be issued forthwith.

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