

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Launching of Single Buyer and Grid System Operator Websites by the Minister of Energy, Green Technology and Water

Kuala Lumpur, 12 October – As part of the government’s effort to promote transparency in the Malaysia Electricity Supply Industry (MESI), Single Buyer (SB) and Grid System Operator (GSO) have developed two websites, accessible to industry players and the general public, for disseminating operational and planning information on the electricity supply situation in the country.

The launch of these websites was officiated by the Minister of Energy, Green Technology and Water, Datuk Seri Panglima Dr. Maximus Johnity Ongkili together with the Energy Commission’s Chairman, Dato’ Abdul Razak bin Abdul Majid, Energy Commission’s Acting Chief Executive Officer, Ir Azhar bin Omar, SB Head, Charanjit Singh Gill and GSO Head, Ir Gurcharan Singh. The launch was in conjunction with the International Greentech & Eco Products Exhibition & Conference Malaysia (IGEM) 2017, today.

Among the information available at <https://www.singlebuyer.com.my> are historical and forecasted electricity demand, whereas daily grid system operational data including real time electricity demand, grid situation and electricity generation information can be found at <https://www.gso.org.my>.

The establishment of SB and GSO was one of the initiatives towards creating a more transparent MESI. The Energy Commission separated the operations of SB and GSO from other activities of Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB), through the enforcement of the Electricity Supply Act (Amendment) 2015 which came into force on 1 January 2016. With the separation arrangement, SB and GSO are now operating autonomously where their functions, operations and performance are under the supervision and regulations of the Energy Commission.

SB is responsible for the management of electricity purchasing from power generation plants, while GSO is responsible for the day-to-day real-time operation and the management of the Peninsular Malaysia grid system operation including interconnections with Thailand and Singapore.

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The Energy Commission (Suruhanjaya Tenaga - ST) is a statutory body responsible for regulating the energy sector, particularly the electricity and piped gas supply industries in Peninsular Malaysia and Sabah. The Energy Commission ensures that the provision of electricity and piped gas to consumers is secure, reliable, safe and reasonably priced.