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SURUHANJAYA TENAGA TO COLLABORATE WITH CEC, USA IN ENHANCING ENERGY REGULATION

California USA, 17 May 2012 – To better address the energy challenges of Malaysia’s Economic Transformation Programme, Suruhanjaya Tenaga (ST) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the California Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC), USA.

ST was represented by its CEO, Datuk Ir. Ahmad Fauzi Hasan while Commissioner Karen Douglas signed on behalf of CEC.

The MoU will provide a framework for cooperation and capacity building in such areas as energy efficiency and demand-side management, integrated resource planning, electricity sector governance, market development, and regulatory policies for renewable energy.

The Chairman of ST, Tan Sri Datuk Dr. Ahmad Tajuddin Ali, who witnessed the signing said; “The areas of cooperation that are covered by the MOU include information sharing, exchange of experts and capacity building programmes on regulatory best practices to deal with emerging energy supply issues”.

“With a world-class regulatory organization like CEC as our partner, we will be able to strengthen our capabilities in critical areas such as energy analysis, planning and efficiency regulation”; he added.

CEC is California’s primary energy policy and planning agency. Created in 1974 and headquartered in Sacramento, the CEC is responsible for activities that include forecasting future energy needs, promoting energy efficiency through appliance and building standards, and supporting renewable energy technologies. The Commission is a division of the California Natural Resources Agency.

Also present to witness the ceremony were CEC Executive Director, Rob Oglesby and its senior officers as well as representatives from the Malaysian Consulate General Office in Los Angeles and Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA).

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ABOUT SURUHANJAYA TENAGA

Suruhanjaya Tenaga (ST) was established under Malaysia's Energy Commission Act 2001 on 1 May 2001 and became fully operational on 2 January 2002. As the statutory body responsible for regulating the energy sector, in particular the electricity supply and piped gas supply industries in Peninsular Malaysia and Sabah, ST ensures that the supply of electricity and piped gas to consumers is secure, reliable, safe and at reasonable prices.