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ENERGY COMMISSION OF SABAH CLARIFIES REGISTRATION PROCEDURES FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS

KOTA KINABALU, May 15 – The Energy Commission of Sabah (ECoS) has issued an important clarification regarding the procedures and requirements for registering electrical installations across the state, in accordance with the recently implemented Electricity Supply Enactment 2024.

In a statement released yesterday, Datuk Ir. Abdul Nasser Abdul Wahid, Chief Executive Officer of ECoS, emphasised that the requirement for standby generator owners to register their installations is not a new policy but a continuation of regulations previously enforced by the Energy Commission (ST) under the Electricity Supply Act 1990.

"Registration serves as a critical mechanism for ECoS to verify installation safety through thorough documentation review, assessment of installation processes, testing by qualified personnel, and inspection visits where necessary," explained Nasser.

Addressing widespread concerns about costs, Nasser clarified that ECoS only charges a single annual fee as stipulated in the Electricity Supply Regulations 2024, maintaining the same fee structure previously applied by ST. These fees are scaled based on installation capacity, ranging from RM30 for installations of 10kW or less, up to RM3,000 for those exceeding 5,000kW.

Nasser strongly refuted claims circulating on social media platforms suggesting exorbitant charges imposed by ECoS. "The figures being quoted in viral videos likely represent fees charged by private consultants or contractors hired by installation owners to conduct testing and prepare documentation. These payments do not go to ECoS, which operates as a regulatory body, not a commercial enterprise," he stressed.

The CEO further explained that market forces determine consultant and contractor fees, which are negotiated directly between asset owners and service providers. To help owners secure competitive rates, ECoS maintains a comprehensive directory of certified contractors and consultants on its official website.

For installations that were previously registered with ST and have maintained their original configuration, Nasser assured owners that a simple declaration would suffice, without the need to resubmit previously filed documentation such as Form G (completion certification), Form H (test certification), and single line diagrams.

"We're committed to making this process as straightforward as possible," Nasser added. "Owners can complete the registration process independently through our ECoS Online System portal, potentially eliminating the need for costly third-party assistance."

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The Commission encourages the public to contact ECoS directly with any questions or concerns about the registration process, emphasising that safety remains their paramount priority in ensuring all electrical installations throughout Sabah adhere to established safety standards.

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