

'Johor won't increase rates'

JOHOR BARU: The federal government's plan to increase water tariffs will not involve Johor, said state Investment and Utilities Committee chairman Jimmy Puah Wee Tse.

He said this was because Johor had increased its water tariff in 2015.

Puah said the Water, Land and Natural Resources Ministry's plan to increase water tariffs was part of the government's effort to standardise water rates.

"The rates in Johor were just increased in 2015. Our water tariff is not lower than those imposed in other states, so there is no need for an increase.

"This seems like an effort by the ministry to standardise water rates. Further increases in Johor will defeat the purpose," he told the New Straits Times Press here yesterday.

He was asked to respond to Water, Land and Natural Resources Minister Dr Xavier Jayakumar's statement yesterday that water tariffs might be increased in stages this year.