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**Electricity: last phase of the tariff reform for general charges on domestic customers deferred to 2019**

**major disbursements avoided for low-consumption customers**

Milan, 14 December 2017 – The last phase of the tariff reform relating to the components of general system charges for domestic customers is deferred by one year compared to 1 January 2018. The Authority decided with resolution 867/2017/R/eel after today's notification of the guidelines received from the Minister of Economic Development with indications that followed the parliamentary resolutions approved yesterday in the Committee for Productive Activities of the Chamber.

The Authority had underlined to the Government and Parliament that the possibility of providing indications to postpone by one year this last phase of the tariff reform for domestic customers should be evaluated. This is to avoid that further additional disbursements especially to customers with low consumption, may be cumulated at the same date of 1 January 2018 with the effects of the review of facilities for energy-intensive companies, linking the timing also to the revision underway by the Government of the social bonus.

The tariff reform, applied by the Authority on delegation of the specific provisions envisaged by Legislative Decree no. 102/14, with regard to the components linked to the network tariff, has already been completed on 1 January 2017, eliminating for this part any element of progressivity, fully fulfilling regulatory requirements and respecting environmental sustainability goals.

For the components linked to the general charges<sup>1</sup>, therefore, the structure already scheduled for 2017 remains in force, with the differentiation between resident and non-resident customers (regardless of the power level), the application of a fixed quota for non-residents (in order to limit the possible impacts on resident domestic low-consumption customers), maintaining the 2 stages of progressivity (up to 1,800 kWh / year and over 1,800) for resident customers.

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<sup>1</sup> For domestic tariff components connected to general charges, the Regulatory Authority had already repeatedly asked the Government and Parliament for guidelines, because it is not possible to identify a fee structure adhering to costs for them, as they do not correspond to a specific network service and are used to cover public policy revenue needs