

PRESS RELEASE

New ARERA Board takes office

Payment of water, electricity, gas and waste bills suspended for families displaced following the collapse of the Morandi bridge

Milan, 30th August 2018 - Today the new Board of the Italian Regulatory Authority for Energy, Networks and Environment, composed of the President Stefano Besseghini and the Members Gianni Castelli, Andrea Guerrini, Clara Poletti and Stefano Saglia, took office and thus the seven-year mandate of the Authority's 4th Board began. In its first meeting the new Board, building on the request of the Commissioner delegate and President of the Region of Liguria Giovanni Toti, established an urgent measure for the suspension of the payment terms relating to the services within the sectors under the Authority's competence (water, electricity, gas and integrated waste cycle) of the families living in the buildings involved in the collapse of the Morandi bridge in Genoa.

The suspension of the payment terms will apply for the duration of the emergency period to all invoices and payment notices with expiry later than 14th August 2018 relating to consumption and deactivation costs, affecting around 300 users, in the buildings involved by the collapse, as identified by the competent authorities.

Suspension of the payment terms is also envisaged for utilities activated after 14th August by utility owners in the buildings involved. In particular, for electricity supplies and for the integrated water service, the utilities of the dwelling to which only the domicile has been transferred, and not the residence, will be assimilated to resident household utility and the amounts due for connection, supply activation, supply deactivation and transfer/takeover will be suspended.

The Authority will assess any further measures in the framework and in harmony with the interventions of the Government.

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