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Energy DL: ARERA postpones auctions to 10 January for the end of electricity protection for non-vulnerable customers

Competitive auctions scheduled for next Monday, 11 December, and the subsequent allocation of the service, have been postponed

Milan, 9 December 2023 - The date for the competitive auctions to select the operators of the Gradual Standard Offer Service to which non-vulnerable households still in the electricity protection service will be assigned has been postponed by one month, from 11 December to 10 January. The decision was made in a resolution approved this afternoon by the ARERA Board in an extraordinary meeting.

The resolution is consequent to the publication in the Official Journal of Decree-Law No. 181/2023 "*Urgent provisions for the country's energy security, the promotion of the use of renewable energy resources, support for energy-intensive companies and for reconstruction in the territories impacted by the exceptional flooding events that occurred on or after 1 May 2023*".

By the same resolution, ARERA also instructed the *Acquirente Unico* (Single Buyer), which manages the auctions, to promptly publish the updated Tender Regulation with the new deadlines, which must be set in such a way as to guarantee the same minimum time-frames, as currently provided for in the Regulation, between the various activities instrumental to the allocation of the service by auction.

Resolution 580/2023/R/eel is available at www.arera.it.