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Titel:

Deregulation in electricity retail markets — default prices as outside option” (with Matteo Broso and Carlo Cambini)

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Abstract:

We leverage a quasi-experiment in the form a regulatory reform to analyse the competitive impacts of a regulated outside option on competition in the private market. We exploit a reform to abolish the price-regulated default tariff in the Italian electricity retail sector, which had up until recently co-existed with unregulated contract offers from private retailers. Using granular data from the Italian Regulatory Authority for Energy, Networks, and Environment (ARERA) on private electricity retail contract offers, we evaluate the supply side responses of retailers to the presence and abolishment of the regulated default price as an outside option.