

Review of: "The Effect of Regulation on the Degree of Implementation of the Social Tariff in the Water and Sanitation Sector"

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Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.

1- the abstract is too short. It should describe in more details the methodology (the statistical tests, the number of municipalities, etc.) and the results in a concise way. Example: Can you specify which statistical tests were used and the number of municipalities involved in the methodology section of the abstract?

2- The affiliation of the authors should be more detailed, e.g. the laboratory, the department,...

3- The subject is very interesting, and data on such subject are hard to collect and/or disclose. The authors should give more insights about the origin of data and the difficulties of accessing other data. Could you provide examples of the specific difficulties encountered in accessing the data and how these challenges were addressed?

4- In the abstract, the authors stated that 'statistical tests indicate an increase in the implementation of the social tariff in all state regions after regulatory efforts.'

but in the introduction they emphasised on the fact that 'the article addresses the case of a regulatory agency in Minas Gerais, the state with the highest number of municipalities in Brazil.' Is this regulatory agency the only one that regulates social tariff for all other states? Please improve the coherence between these sentences.

5- In the final remarks section : please reformulate this sentence as it is not clear: ' This policy evaluation approach does not **ensure that the customers that the regulated company** registered for the social tariff are those who are indeed eligible for the benefit.