



Press Release

## **Lower tariffs for all Romande Energie customers**

**Romande Energie has today published the regulated tariffs that will take effect on 1 January 2012. Households and businesses will benefit from an average reduction of 4.5% in their electricity bills, thanks mainly to increasingly efficient management of the Group's regional power grid. Furthermore, solar ecoenergy will be offered at even more competitive prices, with cuts of up to 30%.**

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Romande Energie is pleased to announce a decrease in electricity charges for all its clients in 2012. This is primarily due to increasingly efficient management of its regional power grid and tight cost control. In addition, the Group is passing on the full tariff reduction imposed by the Swiss Federal Electricity Commission (ElCom) on Swissgrid with respect to transmission cost and control energy; these two items account for 3% and 2% respectively of a household's electricity bill.

### **Positive impact on clients**

Romande Energie customers will benefit from an average reduction of some 4.5% in their electricity bills for 2012, i.e. twice the average nationwide cut (-2%) announced by the Swiss Electricity Companies Association. This represents savings of around CHF 40 per year for a household in the area served by Romande Energie with an annual consumption of 4,000 kWh and using the "Volta simple" tariff.

Detailed information on 2012 pricing schedules is available at [www.tarifs2012.ch](http://www.tarifs2012.ch).

### **Marked fall in solar energy prices**

In order to encourage more of its clients to switch to ecoenergies, Romande Energie is reducing the prices of its solar energy offerings. It will pass on to clients the decline in production costs resulting, on the one hand, from lower cost prices for electricity derived from its large solar parks and, on the other, from the improved efficiency of photovoltaic technology.

The "moncarrésolaire" offering, which enables individuals and organizations to generate their own solar power by renting panel space in the Romande Energie-EPFL solar park, will be available for a rental charge of CHF 4.80 per square metre per month (incl. VAT) compared with CHF 6.50 previously, a decline of 26%.

The "Mix prémium", consisting of 80% wind power and 20% solar power, will now cost CHF 8.50 instead of CHF 10 HT per month (-15%). Finally, clients opting for Romande Energie's classical solar energy offering will benefit from one of the most competitive tariffs in Switzerland, as the surcharge for supplying solar ecoenergy will be lowered by 29%, i.e. from 80 to 57 cts per kWh HT.

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## Notes to editorial desks

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### Romande Energie at a glance

Romande Energie Group is the leading electricity supplier in Western Switzerland. Through its subsidiary, Romande Energie Commerce, it supplies power directly to around 300,000 end-clients (representing a catchment population of 500,000 people) spread over 319 municipalities in the cantons of Vaud, Valais, Fribourg and Geneva. Its core businesses are the production, distribution and marketing of electricity. The Group's priorities are to provide its clients with high-quality services and guarantee reliable, competitively priced electricity supplies on a long-term basis; to expand its own-power production by investing primarily in new renewable energy sources; and to promote innovative solutions in the field of energy efficiency.

For more information on Romande Energie Group, visit [www.romande-energie.ch](http://www.romande-energie.ch)