

Reply to Referee Report 2 on the paper “**Indirect Taxation, Public Pricing and Price Cap Regulation: A Synthesis**”

I wish to thank the referee for her/his comments and suggestions. I am pleased that the referee appreciated the writing of my paper and found helpful my effort to unify notation for the comprehensive understanding of the reviewed contributions. Therefore, in what follows I just address what seems to be the main concern of the referee.

The referee claims that “*the article does not provide any new insights or findings on the problems under study but provides a well-structured and clearly written survey on already known and well established contributions to the literature.*”

I believe that a survey, by its intrinsic nature, unlikely provides new findings on the problems under study. Nonetheless, I agree that a valuable survey should provide some insights that stimulate the reader of a generalist economic journal. My paper tries to achieve this by integrating the analysis from three different streams of literature, namely price cap regulation, public pricing and indirect taxation. This seems to be acknowledged by Referee 2 (if I understand correctly) and, notably, it is indeed what is required by this journal in its Surveys and Overviews section: “*Surveys and Overviews aim to integrate the analysis and lessons from various fields of economics with the aim of providing new insights,...*”.

I also thank Referee 2 for her/his minor observations that I am going to address in my revision of the paper.