

Review of: "Increasing Renewables and Building Retrofit in a Coal-Based Cogeneration District Heating System"

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Dear Authors,

I appreciate the effort you have put into this paper. I would like to highlight some areas for improvement of this work.

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