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Hi Marianna,

Thanks for facilitating our participation in this process. I hope the committee found the panel useful.

I just wanted to add a short note to follow up the discussion:

We think support for solar for apartments is important and valuable. We would add that, in providing this support, if government can emphasise and provide guidance on integrating solar into energy systems for apartments, particularly for hot water heating and also, in future, electric vehicle charging, that would provide more benefits to low-income residents and renters and potentially reduce costs that could be passed on to them (we're happy to elaborate on these).

As part of this, there is a need for more work on administrative and technical mechanisms enabling shared energy services and regulatory reform to support this. Embedded networks are currently not serving apartment dwellers well, but mechanisms for shared systems in apartments could deliver higher cost savings and emissions reductions if redesigned with customers protections and greater autonomy for apartment communities. This is an area we hope to conduct further research on in future.

Would the committee like to be linked to our report when it's made public (should be in the next few weeks), and would anyone there be interested in attending a webinar from the research? Let me know in either case.

Thanks,  
Wendy

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