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Dear Jinyue Yan, Jianzhong Wu, Nikos Hatziargyriou, Ned Djilali, Hongbin Sun and Hongjie Jia

Editor and Guest Editors,

Applied Energy Special Issue on "Integrated Energy Systems"

Please find enclosed our manuscript "Multi-agent systems applied for energy systems integration: Survey and trends on smart-microgrids applications", authored by Vitor Nazário Coelho, Frederico Gadelha Guimarães, Miri Weiss Cohen, Agnaldo J. R. Reis.

This work is the result of cooperation and knowledge exchange involving different research groups in Brazil and Israel. Contributions from all sides were given to obtain this final paper. We believe this research is within the scope of the journal Applied Energy and the Special Issue, representing a contribution to the use of MAS over smart-microgrids. Different applications and topics were addressed in the proposed survey and trends.

On behalf of the authors I would like to thank you for considering our contribution to the journal and the special issue.

Sincerely yours,

Vitor Nazário Coelho