**Response to reviewers**

To the editor and reviewers,

Thank you for taking the time to review our paper submitted to *Energy*. We thank the two reviewers for the constructive criticism in the three rounds. Regarding the final review comment, we have clarified that China refers to mainland China in our study, as explicitly suggested by the reviewer.

We hope this submitted version of the manuscript has clarified all points of misunderstanding and can now be considered for publication.

Best regards, Sebastian Zwickl-Bernhard and Anne Neumann