



Technical Update Request 001

Certification Program

BOMA BEST Sustainable

Certification Program Version

v4.0

Asset Classes Affected

ALL

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Question

E10.1 HVAC Efficiency - Is high efficiency, low carbon mechanical equipment installed in the building?

Inquiry

Our buildings are connected to a district heating and cooling system and therefore do not have primary heating and cooling equipment located on site. How should this be addressed in the questionnaire as this is a low carbon option and we believe deserves more than 1 point under the option "Other"?

Ruling

Two additional options have been added to the questionnaire to address the potential scenarios for buildings using a district energy system:

- 1) Yes – connected to a low carbon DES (worth 6 points)

A site connected to a low carbon district energy system meets the intent of this question. Sites that are connected to a district energy system that is not low carbon, such as those relying on natural gas, do not meet the intent of the question. Sites that are contractual obligations to retain carbon intensive district energy systems are addressed below.

- 2) Not Applicable

Applicant must provide a narrative justifying their position. This includes buildings connected to a carbon intensive district energy system and are contractually obligated to use the system. Provide reasons why it may not be feasible to move away from the DES at this moment in time.