

2018 SUMMER STUDY BUILDINGS: PANEL 13

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND EQUITY: ADDRESSING THE UNDERSERVED

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SESSION TOPICS: This panel focuses on efforts to reach historically underserved households with energy efficiency investments. Low-income communities and communities of color stand to benefit from energy efficiency upgrades, healthier housing, and local job creation; yet, often cannot take advantage of energy efficiency opportunities given a variety of policy, regulatory, and other structural barriers. This panel seeks content related to energy efficiency programs serving low-income communities, community-based strategies for energy efficiency, renewables, healthy homes, local workforce development, equitable transportation initiatives, and more generally, effective approaches for delivering energy efficiency in low-income communities and communities undergoing transition. The panel encourages submissions that seek to tell the stories of residents in communities that have benefited from energy efficiency and the programs that served them through a variety of media beyond the traditional paper submission. Best practices in this space are still emerging and we welcome research and storytelling that speaks to the experience of delivering energy efficiency in a way that benefits all households.