INTERPRETATION IC 90.1-1999-7 OF
ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA STANDARD 90.1-1999
Energy Standard for Buildings Except Low-Rise Residential Buildings

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Reference: This request for interpretation refers to the requirements presented in ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1-1999, Section 5.2.3.4, Vestibules.

Background: Section 5.2.3.4 requires enclosed vestibules for doors that separate conditioned space from the exterior. Several exceptions to Section 5.2.3.4 are given. Exception C states that “Doors not intended to be used as a building entrance door” are not required to have a vestibule.

Interpretation: A door that is not a main public entrance to the building is not required to have a vestibule. A controlled access door that opens to a patio which does not have egress from the building’s exterior would not be considered a building entrance door and therefore would not require a vestibule.

Question: Is this interpretation correct?

Answer: Yes.

Comments: None.