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### **FOREWORD**

In response to a continuous maintenance proposal, the first purpose of this addendum clarifies System Type 11 heating requirements by splitting into two separate systems. Previously, a note directed the user to distinguish between fossil fuel or electric heat. This was a different method than was used with the other system types, where a separate system type was defined for each heating fuel type. Addendum cr splits System 11 into two different types differentiated by the heating fuel type. Subsequent renumbering of the downstream system types, plus updates to the system type numbering throughout Appendix G, is included.

Related, the second update to Sections G3.2.2.5 and G3.2.2.5.1 language improves clarity and usability. Table G3.1 #5 is updated to disallow aggregating zones that have different baseline economizer requirements into one thermal block. Section G3.2.1.2 is updated to require using separate single-zone Systems 3 or 4, depending on the climate zone, for any HVAC zone that has economizer requirements that differ from other HVAC zones served by Systems 5 through 8.

This addendum impacts an optional performance path in the standard designed to provide increased flexibility and therefore was not subjected to cost-effectiveness analysis.

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### Addendum cr to Standard 90.1-2022

### Modify the standard as shown (I-P and SI).

**G3.2.1.2** Additional and Adjusted Baseline HVAC System Types. Baseline HVAC systems shall be added or adjusted for individual HVAC zones based on the following criteria.

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- de. The baseline *HVAC system* serving *HVAC zones* that include *computer rooms* shall be modeled in accordance with one of the following:
  - 1. Baseline *System* 11 or 12 shall be used for such *HVAC zones* in *buildings* with a total *computer room* peak cooling load greater than 3,000,000 Btu/h.
  - 2. Baseline System 11 or 12 shall be used for such HVAC zones in buildings where the baseline HVAC system type is 7 or 8 and the total computer room peak cooling load is greater than 600,000 Btu/h.
  - 3. Baseline *System* 3 or 4 shall be used for all other *HVAC zones* that include *computer rooms* based on climate zone.
  - 4. Where baseline *System* 11 or 12 are required to be modeled, *System* 12 shall be modeled for Climate Zones 0 through 3A. *System* 11 shall be modeled for all other climate zones.
- f. Residential associated HVAC zones shall use system type 3 or 4 based on climate zone.
- g. If the baseline HVAC system type is 5, 6, 7, or 8 use separate single-zone systems conforming with the requirements of system 3 or system 4 for any HVAC zone that has economizer requirements that differ from other HVAC zones served by the system.
- **G3.2.1.3** For baseline *HVAC systems* 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14, each *HVAC zone* or *thermal block* shall be modeled with its own *HVAC system*. For Systems 5, 6, 7, and 8, each *floor* shall be modeled with a separate *HVAC system*. Floors with identical *HVAC zones* or *thermal blocks* can be grouped for modeling purposes.

**Exception to G3.2.1.3:** Baseline *system* 5 or 7 serving laboratory *spaces* in accordance with Section G3.2.1.2(b).

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- G3.2.2.5 Economizers. *Air economizers* shall not be included in Systems in the *baseline building* design shall comply with the following economizer requirements:
- a. baseline Baseline HVAC Systems 1, 2, 9, and 10 shall not include an economizer.

- b. Baseline HVAC systems 11 and 12 that serve computer rooms shall include an integrated fluid economizer meeting the requirements of Section 6.5.1.2.
- <u>c.</u> Integrated *air economizer* control shall be included in baseline *HVAC Systems* 3 through 8, and 11 through, 12, and 13 14 based on climate as specified in Table G3.2.2.5.

Exceptions to G3.2.2.5(c): Economizers shall not be included for systems meeting one or more of the exceptions listed below.

- 1. <u>Baseline Systems</u> that include gas-phase air cleaning to meet the requirements of Standard 62.1, Section 6.1.2. This exception shall <u>only</u> be used-<u>only if when</u> the <u>corresponding</u> system in the proposed design does not match the building design. have an economizer.
- 2. <u>Baseline systems</u> <del>Wwhere the use of outdoor air for cooling will affect supermarket open refrigerated casework systems. This exception shall only be used if the corresponding system in the proposed design does not use an economizer. If the exception is used, an economizer shall not be included in the baseline building design.</del>
- 3. <u>Baseline Systems 3 or 4</u> that serve computer rooms complying with Section G3.2.2.5.1.

G3.2.2.5.1 Computer Room Economizers. Systems that serve computer rooms that are HVAC System 3 or 4 shall not have an economizer. Systems that serve computer rooms that are HVAC System 11 shall include an integrated fluid economizer meeting the requirements of Section 6.5.1.2 in the baseline building design.

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**G3.2.2.8** System Fan Power. System fan electrical power for supply, return, exhaust, and relief (excluding power to fan-powered VAV boxes) shall be calculated using the following formulas:

For Systems 1 and 2,

$$P_{fan} = CFM_s \times 0.3$$

For Systems 3 through 8, and 11, 12, 13, and 13, 14,

 $P_{fan} = bhp \times 746/fan motor efficiency$ 

For Systems 9 and 10 (supply fan),

$$P_{fan} = CFM_s \times 0.3$$

For Systems 9 and 10 (non-mechanical cooling fan if required by Section G3.2.2.7.2),

$$P_{fan} = \text{CFM}_{nmc} \times 0.054$$

where

 $P_{fan}$  = electric power to fan motor, W

bhp = brake horsepower of baseline fan motor from Table G3.2.2.8

fan motor efficiency = the efficiency for the next motor size greater than the bhp from Table G3.2.2.8

 $CFM_s$  = the baseline *system* maximum design supply fan airflow rate, cfm

 $CFM_{nmc}$  = the baseline non-mechanical cooling fan airflow, cfm

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- G3.2.3.2 Type and Number of Boilers (Systems 1, 5, 7, 11, and 12\_13). The boiler plant shall be natural draft, except as noted in Section G3.2.1.4. The baseline building design boiler plant shall be modeled as having a single boiler if the baseline building design plant serves a gross conditioned floor area of 15,000 ft<sup>2</sup> or less, and as having two equally sized boilers for plants serving more than 15,000 ft<sup>2</sup>. Boilers shall be staged as required by the load.
- **G3.2.3.3** Hot-Water Supply Temperature (Systems 1, 5, 7, 11, and 12 13). Hot-water design supply temperature shall be modeled as 180°F and design return temperature as 130°F.
- **G3.2.3.4** Hot-Water Supply Temperature Reset (Systems 1, 5, 7, 11, and 12 13). Hot-water supply temperature shall be *reset* based on outdoor dry-bulb temperature using the following schedule: 180°F at 20°F and below, 150°F at 50°F and above, and ramped linearly between 180°F and 150°F at temperatures between 20°F and 50°F.

**Exception to G3.2.3.4:** *Systems* served by purchased heat.

**G3.2.3.5 Hot-Water Pumps** (Systems 1, 5, 7, 11, and 12 13). The baseline building design hot-water pump power shall be 19 W/gpm. The pumping system shall be modeled as primary-only with continuous variable flow and a minimum of 25% of the design flow rate. Hot-water pumps shall only be enabled when a

Table G3.1 Modeling Requirements for Calculating Proposed Building Performance and Baseline Building **Performance** 

Proposed Building Performance	Baseline Building Performance
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7. Thermal Blocks—HVAC Zones Designed	
<ul> <li>Where HVAC zones are defined on HVAC design drawings, each HVAC zone shall be modeled as a separate thermal block.</li> <li>Exception: Different HVAC zones may be combined to create a single thermal block or identical thermal blocks to which multipliers are applied, provided that all of the following conditions are met: <ol> <li>The space use classification is the same throughout the thermal block, or all of the zones have peak internal loads that differ by less than 10 Btu/h·ft² from the average.</li> <li>All HVAC zones in the thermal block that are adjacent to glazed exterior walls and glazed semiexterior walls face the same orientation or their orientations vary by less than 45 degrees.</li> <li>All of the zones are served by the same HVAC system or by the same kind of HVAC system.</li> <li>All of the zones have schedules that differ by 40 or less equivalent full-load hours per week.</li> <li>HVAC zones subject to the exception to Section G3.2.2.5(c) shall not be combined with the zones that are not subject to these exceptions.</li> </ol> </li></ul>	Same as proposed design.
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load exists on the associated hot-water loop. Hot-water systems serving 120,000 ft<sup>2</sup>or more shall be modeled with variable-speed drives, and systems serving less than 120,000 ft<sup>2</sup> shall be modeled as riding the pump curve.

**Exception to G3.2.3.5:** The *pump* power for *systems* using purchased heat shall be 14 W/gpm.

G3.2.3.6 Piping Losses (Systems 1, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, <u>13</u> and <u>13 14</u>). Piping losses shall not be modeled in either the proposed design or baseline building design for hot-water, chilled-water, or steam piping.

G3.2.3.7 Type and Number of Chillers (Systems 7, 8, 11, 12, 13 and 13 14). Electric chillers shall be used in the baseline building design regardless of the cooling energy source, e.g. direct-fired absorption or absorption from purchased steam. The baseline building design's chiller plant shall be modeled with chillers having the number and type as indicated in Table G3.2.3.7 based on the peak coincident cooling load of baseline HVAC systems using chilled water.

Exception to G3.2.3.7: Systems using purchased chilled water shall be modeled in accordance with Section G3.2.1.6.

G3.2.3.8 Chilled-Water Design Supply Temperature (Systems 7, 8, 11, 12, 13 and 13 14). Chilledwater design supply temperature shall be modeled at 44°F and return water temperature at 56°F.

G3.2.3.9 Chilled-Water Supply Temperature Reset (Systems 7, 8, 11, 12, 13 and 13, 14). Chilledwater supply temperature shall be reset based on outdoor dry-bulb temperature using the following schedule: 44°F at 80°F and above, 54°F at 60°F and below, and ramped linearly between 44°F and 54°F at temperatures between 80°F and 60°F.

### **Exception to G3.2.3.9:**

- 1. If the baseline chilled-water system serves a computer room HVAC system, the supply chilled-water temperature shall be reset higher based on the HVAC system requiring the most cooling; i.e., the chilled-water set point is reset higher until one cooling-coil valve is nearly wide open. The maximum reset chilled-water supply temperature shall be 54°F.
- 2. Systems served by purchased chilled water.

G3.2.3.10 Chilled-Water Pumps (Systems 7, 8, 11, 12, 13 and 13 14). Chilled-water systems shall be modeled as primary/secondary systems with constant-flow primary loop and variable-flow secondary loop. For systems with cooling capacity of 300 tons or more, the secondary pump shall be modeled with variablespeed drives and a minimum flow of 25% of the design flow rate. Chilled-water pumps shall only be enabled when a load exists on the associated chilled-water loop. For systems with less than 300 tons cooling capacity, the secondary pump shall be modeled as riding the pump curve. The baseline building constant-volume primary pump power shall be modeled as 9 W/gpm, and the variable-flow secondary pump power shall be

modeled as 13 W/gpm at design conditions. For computer room systems using System 11 or 12 with an integrated fluid economizer, the baseline building design primary chilled-water pump power shall be increased by 3 W/gpm for flow associated with the fluid economizer.

**Exception to G3.2.3.10:** For *systems* using purchased chilled water, the *building* distribution *pump* shall be modeled with variable-speed drive, a minimum flow of 25% of the design flow rate, and a *pump* power of 16 W/gpm.

G3.2.3.11 Heat Rejection (Systems 7, 8, 11, 12, 13 and 14). The heat-rejection device shall be an axial-fan open-circuit cooling tower with variable-speed fan control and shall have an *efficiency* of 38.2 gpm/hp at the conditions specified in Table 6.8.1-7. Condenser-water design supply temperature shall be calculated using the cooling tower approach to the 0.4% *evaporation design wet-bulb temperature* as generated by the formula below, with a design temperature rise of 10°F:

Approach<sub>10°F</sub> Range = 
$$25.72 - (0.24 \times WB)$$

where WB is the 0.4% evaporation design wet-bulb temperature (°F); valid for wet bulbs from 55°F to 90°F. The tower shall be controlled to maintain a leaving water temperature, where weather permits, per Table G3.2.3.11, floating up to the design leaving water temperature for the cooling tower. The baseline building design condenser-water pump power shall be 19 W/gpm and modeled as constant volume. For computer room systems using System 11 or 12 with an integrated fluid economizer, the baseline building design condenser-water-pump power shall be increased by 3 W/gpm for flow associated with the fluid economizer. Each chiller shall be modeled with separate condenser-water and chilled-water pumps interlocked to operate with the associated chiller.

G3.2.3.12 Supply Air Temperature Reset (Systems 5 through 8, 11 and 11 12). The air temperature for cooling shall be *reset* higher by 5°F under the minimum cooling load conditions.

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G3.2.3.15 VAV Fan Part-Load Performance (Systems 5 through 8, 11 and 11 12). VAV system supply fans shall have variable-speed drives, and their part-load performance characteristics shall be modeled using either Method 1 or Method 2 specified in Table G3.2.3.15.

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**G3.2.3.17** System 11 and 12 Supply Air Temperature and Fan Control. Minimum volume set point shall be 50% of the maximum design airflow rate, the minimum *ventilation* outdoor airflow rate, or the airflow rate required to comply with applicable codes or accreditation standards, whichever is larger.

Fan volume shall be *reset* from 100% airflow at 100% cooling load to minimum airflow at 50% cooling load. Supply air temperature *set point* shall be *reset* from minimum supply air temperature at 50% cooling load and above to *space* temperature at 0% cooling load. In heating mode supply air temperature shall be modulated to maintain *space* temperature, and fan volume shall be fixed at the minimum airflow.

G3.2.3.18 Dehumidification (Systems 3 through 8 and 11, 12, 13 and 13 14). If the proposed design HVAC systems have humidistatic controls, then the baseline building design shall use mechanical cooling for dehumidification and shall have reheat available to avoid overcooling. When the baseline building design HVAC system does not comply with any of the exceptions in Section 6.5.2.3, then only 25% of the system reheat energy shall be included in the baseline building performance. The reheat type shall be the same as the system heating type.

Table G3.1.1-3 Baseline HVAC System Types

Building Area Types, a Number of Stories, and		
Combined Floor Area c	Climate Zones 3B, 3C, and 4 to 8	Climate Zones 0 to 3A
Residential	System 1—PTAC	System 2—PTHP
Public assembly area smaller than 120,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	System 3—PSZ-AC	System 4—PSZ-HP
Public assembly area equal to or larger than 120,000 $\mathrm{ft}^2$	System 1213—SZ-CV-HW	System <del>13</del> 14—SZ-CV-ER
Heated-only storage	System 9—Heating and ventilation	System 10—Heating and ventilation
Retail in a building that is 1 or 2 stories	System 3—PSZ-AC	System 4—PSZ-HP
Hospital that is either • larger than 150,000 ft <sup>2</sup> or • in a <i>building</i> greater than 5 <i>stories</i> .	System 7—VAV with reheat	System 7—VAV with reheat
Hospital—all other	System 5—Packaged VAV with reheat	System 5—Packaged VAV with reheat
Other <i>Nonresidential</i> area that is both • smaller than 25,000 ft <sup>2</sup> and • in a <i>building</i> 3 <i>stories</i> or fewer.	System 3—PSZ-AC	System 4—PSZ-HP
Other <i>Nonresidential</i> area that is both • smaller than 25,000 ft <sup>2</sup> and • in a <i>building</i> with 4 or 5 <i>stories</i> .	System 5—Packaged VAV with reheat	System 6—Packaged VAV with PFP boxes
Other <i>nonresidential</i> area that is both • 25,000 ft <sup>2</sup> to 150,000 ft <sup>2</sup> and • in a <i>building</i> that is 5 <i>stories</i> or fewer.	System 5—Packaged VAV with reheat	System 6—Packaged VAV with PFP boxes
Other <i>Nonresidential</i> area that is either • larger than 150,000 ft <sup>2</sup> or • in a <i>building</i> greater than 5 <i>stories</i> .	System 7—VAV with reheat	System 8—VAV with PFP boxes

a. Building area type determined in accordance with Section G3.2.1.1.

Table G3.1.1-4 Baseline System Descriptions

System No.	System Type	Fan Control	Cooling Type a	Heating Type a
1. PTAC	Packaged terminal air conditioner	Constant volume	Direct expansion	Hot-water fossil fuel boiler
2. <i>PTHP</i>	Packaged terminal heat pump	Constant volume	Direct expansion	Electric heat pump
3. PSZ-AC	Packaged rooftop air conditioner	Constant volume	Direct expansion	Fossil fuel furnace
4. PSZ-HP	Packaged rooftop heat pump	Constant volume	Direct expansion	Electric heat pump
5. Packaged VAV with reheat	Packaged rooftop VAV with reheat	VAV	Direct expansion	Hot-water fossil fuel boiler
6. Packaged <i>VAV</i> with PFP boxes	Packaged rooftop VAV with parallel fan power boxes and reheat	VAV	Direct expansion	Electric resistance
7. VAV with reheat	VAV with reheat	VAV	Chilled water	Hot-water fossil fuel boiler
8. VAV with PFP boxes	VAV with parallel fan-powered boxes and reheat	VAV	Chilled water	Electric resistance
9. Heating and ventilation	Warm air furnace, gas fired	Constant volume	None	Fossil fuel furnace
10. Heating and ventilation	Warm air furnace, electric	Constant volume	None	Electric resistance
11. SZ– <i>VAV<u>-HW</u></i>	Single-zone VAV	VAV	Chilled water	<del>See note (b).</del> <u>Hot-water <i>fossil fuel boiler</i></u>
<u>12. SZ-VAV-ER</u>	Single-zone VAV	<u>VAV</u>	Chilled water	Electric resistance
<del>12</del> 13.SZ-CV-HW	Single-zone system	Constant volume	Chilled water	Hot-water fossil fuel boiler
<del>13</del> 14.SZ-CV-ER	Single-zone system	Constant volume	Chilled water	Electric resistance

a. For purchased chilled water and purchased heat, see Section G3.2.1.3.

b. The total number of stories in a building, including above-grade and below-grade stories but not including stories solely devoted to parking.

c. Combined gross conditioned floor area and semiheated floor area, of the building area type, based on the requirements of Section G3.2.1.1.

b. For Climate Zones 0 through 3A, the heating type shall be electric resistance. For all other climate zones the heating type shall be hot water fossil fuel boiler.

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## Table G3.2.2.5 Climate Conditions under which Economizers are Included for Comfort Cooling for Baseline Systems 3 through 8 and 11, 12, <u>13</u> and <u>143 14</u>

Climate Zone	Conditions	
0A, 0B, 1A, 1B, 2A, 3A, 4A	NR	
Others	Economizer included	

Note: NR means that there is no conditioned building floor area for which economizers are included for the type of zone and climate.

### Table G3.2.2.8 Baseline Fan Brake Horsepower

Constant-Volume Systems 3, 4, <del>12</del> <u>13</u> , and <del>13</del> <u>14</u>	Variable-Volume Systems 5 to 8	Variable-Volume System 11 or 12
$CFM_s \times 0.00094 + A$	$CFM_s \times 0.0013 + A$	$CFM_s \times 0.00062 + A$

### Notes

<sup>1.</sup> Where A is calculated according to Section 6.5.3.1.1 using the pressure-drop adjustment from the proposed design and the design flow rate of the baseline building system.

<sup>2.</sup> Do not include pressure-drop adjustments for evaporative coolers or heat recovery devices that are not required in the baseline building system by Section G3

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