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Reference: This request for interpretation refers to the requirements presented in ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 135-2020, Clause 12.62.5 regarding the Present_Stage property of the Staging Object.

Background: Clause 12.62.5 states that “Attempts to read Present_Stage when it is internally set to 0 shall return a Result(-) with an ‘Error Class’ of PROPERTY and an ‘Error Code’ of VALUE_NOT_INITIALIZED.”

Interpretation: When processing a read request for the Present_Stage property of the Staging Object, whether it is a ReadProperty, ReadPropertyMultiple, or ReadPropertyMultiple with the ALL property requested, if the Present_Stage value was internally set to 0, the device shall return the VALUE_NOT_INITIALIZED Error Code.

Question: Is this Interpretation correct?

Answer: Yes