

**INTERPRETATION IC 135-2020-6 OF  
ANSI/ASHRAE STANDARD 135-2020 BACnet® -  
A Data Communication Protocol for Building  
Automation and Control Networks**

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**Reference:** This request for interpretation refers to the requirements presented in ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 135-2020, Clauses K5.39 and 22.1.5, regarding NM-FDR-A BIBB.

**Background:** The NM-FDR-A BIBB requires that foreign devices initiate Distribute-Broadcast-To-Network but the standard allows for devices to not initiate broadcasts.

The minimum device requirements in Clause 22.1.5 require initiation of I-Am and I-Have but do not require that these be broadcast.

**Interpretation:** The NM-FDR-A BIBB requires that Distribute-Broadcast-To-Network be used when a foreign device initiates global or local broadcasts but does not require that foreign devices be capable of initiating such broadcasts.

**Question:** Is this Interpretation correct?

**Answer:** Yes.