

**INTERPRETATION IC 135-2008-5 OF  
ANSI/ASHRAE STANDARD 135-2008 BACnet® -  
A Data Communication Protocol for Building  
Automation and Control Networks**

Approval Date: May 28, 2010

**Request from:** William (Bill) Swan ([bill.swan@honeywell.com](mailto:bill.swan@honeywell.com)), Alerton – Honeywell, 6670 - 185<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Redmond, WA 98052.

**Reference:** This request for interpretation refers to the requirements presented in ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 135-2008 relating to Date and Time.

**Background:** Dates and times are frequently noted throughout the standard, sometimes modified by the terms "local" or "current" or "UTC", but usually not. Generally it has been assumed that unless otherwise specified, dates and times are "local" dates and times, to wit, the date and time in effect at the location where the device resides and not UTC date and time, but this is not explicitly stated anywhere.

**Interpretation:** All dates and times not explicitly declared to be UTC dates and times are always local dates and times.

**Question:** Is this interpretation correct?

**Answer:** Yes