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# Building automation and control systems (BACS) —

## Part 6:

# Data communication conformance testing

### 1. PURPOSE

To define a standard method for verifying that an implementation of the BACnet protocol provides each capability claimed in its Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement (PICS) in conformance with the BACnet standard.

### 2. SCOPE

This standard provides a comprehensive set of procedures for verifying the correct implementation of each capability claimed on a BACnet PICS including:

- (a) support of each claimed BACnet service, either as an initiator, executor, or both,
- (b) support of each claimed BACnet object-type, including both required properties and each claimed optional property,
- (c) support of the BACnet network layer protocol,
- (d) support of each claimed data link option, and
- (e) support of all claimed special functionality.

### 3. DEFINITIONS

All definitions from ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 135-2020 also apply to this addendum.

#### 3.1 Terms Adopted from International Standardss

**local network:** the network to which a BACnet device is directly connected.

**remote network:** a network that is accessible from a BACnet device only by passing through one or more routers.

**test database:** a database of BACnet functionality and objects created by reading the contents of an EPICS.

#### 3.2 Abbreviations and Acronyms Used in the Standard

|              |  |
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| <b>BNF</b>   | Backus-Naur Form syntax                                  |
| <b>EPICS</b> | electronic protocol implementation conformance statement |
| <b>IUT</b>   | implementation under test                                |
| <b>TCSL</b>  | testing and conformance scripting language               |
| <b>TD</b>    | testing device   |
| <b>TPI</b>   | text protocol information                                |

#### 3.3 Common language used in tests

**'any valid value':** Any valid value refers to any value of the correct data type and within the vendor's range specified for the property this is applied to.

**'any appropriate password':** Any password that meets the Configuration Requirements specified in the test or test section. Passwords when required by the vendor are required to be no more than 20 characters.

**'reset':** Some tests require to reset the IUT. Reset includes power cycle via switch, power cycle via loss of power, and reinitializeDevice WARMSTART. As defined by the BACnet standard, "WARMSTART shall mean to reboot the device and start over, retaining all data and programs that would normally be retained during a brief power outage."