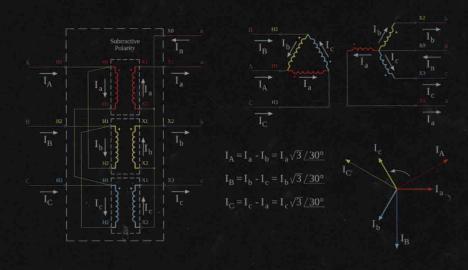


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#### PREFACE

**SINCE THE RELEASE** of the first edition in October 2001, I have received many comments from readers saying how helpful the text was while preparing for and taking the Professional Engineering (PE) examination. Truth be told, I never really thought about the PE exam while preparing the first edition manuscript. My objective was simply to produce a book useful to both students and practitioners. When the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) restructured the Electrical Engineering PE exam in April 2009 creating a power-specific exam, I saw the relevance of aligning this text more with the new exam format.

Several new topics, including arc flash hazard and lighting systems, have been added to this edition, keeping current with the latest trends and practices in the power field. More depth and some derivations have also been added to other sections, such as an in-depth exploration of the per-unit system, additional material on motor application, a thorough analysis of AC power in both the time and phasor domains, and an intuitive development of three-phase symmetrical components. I have never believed in deriving an equation simply for the sake of deriving it (that is a great exercise for mathematicians, but engineers should focus their efforts on application of the formula), but AC power and symmetrical components are exceptions to my tenet on derivations since these are so widely used by power engineers, and complete comprehension, in my opinion, requires going through the step-by-step development. Enhancements such as these should add to the level of understanding of critical power engineering concepts for many students.

Practitioners in the electric power industry will also find this book useful both as a reference and as a means of filling in gaps in their understanding of key concepts. Based largely on practices in the United States, this book references primarily US standards and codes. Often times, similar standards and codes have been developed and adopted abroad, and readers outside the United States are encouraged to investigate local standards and codes. Similarly, customary US units of measurements, as are commonly encountered in the United States, are used throughout the book.

The material covered in this book will be a valuable reference for the practicing power engineer, but will be just as helpful to the engineering student pursuing a career in the power industry. Few US universities have comprehensive programs in electric power that align with industry requirements. Narrowing the gap between what topics are taught at the university and what skills are needed by industry should be made a very high priority, both in academia and in industry. A close academia—industry partnership is needed to accomplish such a lofty goal. It is my hope that this book will help narrow the gap and forge the partnership. Developing new courses based on *Industrial Power Distribution* and incorporating the book into existing courses will facilitate the alignment of the academic curriculum with industry needs.

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Over 370 students at the University of South Florida and many more through short courses conducted worldwide have studied the contents of the first edition, and as a result, many constructive comments were made. Between those comments and the expertise of the manuscript reviewers, I believe the second edition of *Industrial Power Distribution* will be a valuable resource for engineering students and practicing power engineers alike, and will help create an academic environment better able to address the needs of the electric power industry.

Ralph E. Fehr, III

## PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION

**ELECTRICITY** has been an essential part of our lives since the late nineteenth century. During the early twentieth century, electricity routinely began replacing steam as the primary power source in industrial plants. As factories became larger and more complex, so did their power requirements. As such, engineers were faced with a new challenge: how to distribute electricity safely, reliably, and economically within the industrial facility. Although this challenge has been addressed for over a century, the theories, requirements, and procedures for safe, reliable, and economical industrial power distribution have not been presented in textbook form. This work attempts to do so by drawing on more than a hundred years of lessons learned and refinements in the electrical power distribution field.

The book begins by analyzing the source of the electricity—the utility system. Requirements including the delivery voltage and the topology of the source are explored, along with their impact on the operation and reliability of the industrial facility. Next, a powerful calculation method using the per-unit system is reviewed, and this method is applied extensively throughout the text. Other power source issues such as short circuit availability and transformer sizing are discussed, followed by a brief presentation on metering methods.

The next topic covered is medium-voltage distribution systems within the industrial facility. Guidelines for selecting the optimum voltage are presented. Various transformer connections are analyzed to determine their effects on the behavior of the electrical system. Ferroresonance and methods of eliminating its undesirable effects are introduced. Methods of conductor sizing consistent with the National Electrical Code (NEC) also are presented.

Two chapters are devoted to the calculation of fault currents and the sizing of protective equipment such as circuit breakers and fuses. The method of symmetrical components is used to analyze unbalanced fault conditions.

Switchgear and motor control centers, two types of equipment used extensively to distribute electricity within industrial facilities, are examined in detail including specification and selection requirements. Raceway design including conduit, duct banks, and cable tray is covered consistent with NEC specifications.

Methods of motor starting and motor control are discussed, and a detailed tutorial on ladder logic is included. The application of shunt capacitors for power factor correction rounds out the text.

Useful engineering data is presented in the appendices. This data, including units of measurement, circuit analysis techniques, impedance data, ampacity data

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reprinted from the NEC, and conduit data, provides a valuable reference source for the engineer.

The material in this book serves not only as an informative textbook, but also as a concise reference book. Objectives are clearly stated at the beginning of each chapter, and a succinct summary is presented at the end of each chapter. Questions to test the reader's comprehension of important concepts and problems to check the reader's ability to apply theory to solve practical problems are provided for each chapter.

This text is designed for use at either the upper-division undergraduate or graduate level. An understanding of basic power system analysis is the only prerequisite necessary to comprehend fully the material presented in this book.

Ralph E. Fehr, III

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Mr. Skala had been a dear friend and colleague since I arrived in Florida in 1992. His interest in teaching encouraged me to become more involved in academia. He retired as a power systems engineer with a 30-year background in the utility industry, including transmission and substation design, transmission and distribution maintenance, system planning, and research and development. His extensive experience allowed him to build a tremendous base of expertise, from which I have received benefits many times. Mr. Skala was recognized for his creativity and innovation, both as an engineer and as an educator. For 20 years, he has taught electrical engineering and mathematics courses in the State of Florida University System. As a teacher, he established the graduate power systems program at the University of South Florida and co-founded the DiNapoli-Skala Families Scholarship at St. Petersburg Junior College, which provides assistance to students with a demonstrated financial need. Mr. Skala's contributions to the power industry and academia were many, and through them, he will live on.

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