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# Preface to the Second Edition

The contents of the first edition have been revised and several chapters have been extensively enlarged to reflect the new developments in electromagnetic transients. A new chapter (Chapter 12 – Dynamic Overvoltages) has been added in the second edition of the book.

I have freely drawn upon the experience and wisdom of others who have worked in the field of electromagnetic transients. They have willingly permitted me to reproduce some of their previous work. The book is richer because of them.

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# **Editorial Foreword to the First Edition**

This excellent monograph on Electromagnetic Transients in Power Systems by Professor Pritindra Chowdhuri is the first book to be published in a new series on High-Voltage Power Transmission. The electricity supply industry is undergoing rapid change, with increasing pressure for the fullest possible utilisation of transmission and distribution assets. Hence, it is essential that the best technical and economic solutions are applied to such problems as overvoltages, power losses, fault currents, protection, electromagnetic interference, current-carrying capacities, insulation failures, excessive sags, corrosion, fatigue, wind-induced oscillations and constraints on line planning.

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Professor Vincent T. Morgan Sydney, Australia June 1996

# **Preface to the First Edition**

This book has been in preparation during the last 10 years when I joined the Center for Electric Power at Tennessee Technological University. It is the outgrowth of the notes I prepared for two graduate courses on electromagnetic transients in power systems. I felt that graduate courses on this topic should deal not only with the basic mathematical and physical principles of electromagnetic transients and their effects on power systems but should also address the latest problems on electromagnetic transients which the electric power industry is trying to solve. Power-system grounding, lightning-induced voltages on overhead power lines, protection of substations and transients in low-voltage systems with emphasis on power-electronic systems are very important topics today. Although a wealth of knowledge exists on these topics in the published literature, there is no single depository where information on these topics can be found. Separate chapters have been devoted to these topics in this book. Each chapter contains extensive references for those who want to pursue the topic further.

I have drawn heavily on my own involvement during the last 40 years with electromagnetic transients in both high- and low-voltage electrical systems. I have also been benefitted by the knowledge and wisdom of my colleagues, particularly through my association with the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). I hope that this book will be useful not only to the graduate students but also to the specialists who are practicing in this field.

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