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Preface

This is the second edition of No. 8 in a Series of Standards issued under Part III of the Canadian Electrical Code. It supersedes the first edition, published as a Preliminary Standard in 1986.

Development of these guidelines was initiated by Transport Canada's Transportation Development Center and by the Railway Association of Canada in anticipation of the need to electrify long distance rail lines.

This Standard contains guidelines on the power supply and overhead distribution system as well as on grounding and interference with communications and signalling systems. It is recognized that this edition does not cover all aspects and that some of the quantitative values included must be taken as preliminary, being still under consideration nationally and internationally. The Committee believed that making the guidelines available with these deficiencies was preferable to waiting for resolution of the outstanding issues. The Committee continues to encourage comment and further work towards resolution of the guidelines.

Appendix A is not a mandatory part of the guidelines, but provides a bibliography of papers that were referred to by the Committee.

This Standard was prepared by the Technical Committee on Railway Electrification Guidelines under the jurisdiction of the Standards Steering Committee on the CE Code, Part III, and was formally approved by these Committees. It has been approved as a National Standard of Canada by the Standards Council of Canada.

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