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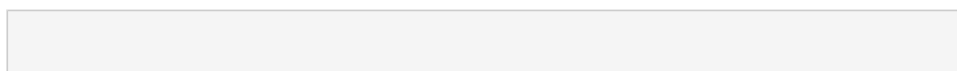
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### Review

“This book is a great introduction to the developing smart grids; it clearly presents the issues, challenges, and emerging solutions induced by the electric networks of the future.” (Benoit Robyns, Energy Technology, Vol. 3 (2), February, 2015)

### From the Back Cover

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