

# Endorsement of the DNP Users Group

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I am very pleased to write this endorsement of the DNP Users Group (DNP-UG). This is a group that continues to serve the electric industry well. The dedication and hard work of these experts, on behalf of their members and the industry, is far more important and valuable than many people realize. As is often the case, the better job they do, the lower the project risks and costs are incurred and yet the quicker we can forget about them.

In my consulting work, speaking, training and leadership roles including my time at GE, I was reminded of the significant benefits the DNP Users Group has provided our industry.

Utilities and suppliers have benefited greatly from the wide adoption of DNP3 (IEEE Std 1815™) by supporting the lower cost of products due to reduced vendor development, time to market and the cost of maintaining products and systems with far fewer protocols. The DNP-UG has facilitated effective interoperability, reducing project lead times, at a much lower cost, than was possible before.

Going forward, strong support of the DNP-UG will enable thousands of volunteer hours (over 4,000 hours in 2023) per year to continue, by industry experts in key programs driving improved cybersecurity and interoperability. This will allow utilities and vendors to benefit from the latest technology with the most functionality providing the greatest economic and operational benefits.

As the directors of the DNP-UG roll out their VISION 2024 with the new fee structure, I wholeheartedly endorse these initiatives and highly recommend that utilities and suppliers become or continue as members to support their work.

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