



Utility Council (Launching April 26)



The DNP Users Group is Launching its Long-Awaited Utility Council!

The leadership of DNP-UG has long wanted to establish a tighter connection with our utility members. The over-arching objective of the DNP-UG is to serve the needs of utilities so it is essential to have a mechanism in place that optimizes this. The intent is for the DNP-UG to sponsor and facilitate the Utility Council and provide the requested information but otherwise to allow the Council the freedom to function independently.

Personal and Professional Benefits

- Personal:
 - Learn from peers in the industry.
 - Expand your network of valuable contacts at other utilities
- Company:
 - Staff that are updated and trained (optional) on the latest developments and directions of our technical teams.
 - The opportunity to have input on company needs for technologies, services and support.
- Industry:
 - Enables the DNP-UG to remain closely aligned with the technology and innovation needs of the industry.
 - Facilitates review, input and feedback to DNP-UG on user documentation, implementation guidance and training.
 - Provides input and feedback on DNP-UG services and other offerings.

Primary Initial Objectives

- Facilitates the sharing between utilities of valuable insights, methods and lessons learned.
- Utility case studies (invited from DTECH or other forums).
- Supports utility input and feedback on the work of the DNP-UG.

- Enables the DNP-UG to keep the utility members up to date on UG activities and progress.
- The opportunity to collaborate with the UG on new initiatives.
- Other objectives as identified by the members.

Current Launch Plan

- Founding Leader – Anthony Johnson
 - Consulting Engineer, SCE (retired in 2025)
 - Past Chair, IEEE standards WGs
 - Long time supporter of the DNP-UG
- Announcement – February 2026
- Kick-off event (online) – April 2026
- Current meeting rhythm – quarterly meetings, 60-90 minutes

Mission of DNP-UG

- We actively develop and support measures to improve interoperability and cybersecurity in DNP systems by developing technologies and standards, implementing a conformance program, and providing education and other services to the industry.
- Our over-arching goals:
 - Reduce utility project cost and risk.
 - Reduce vendor development cost and risk

Membership Matters!

[Become a member of the DNP Users Group](#)

Your membership is important and enables the DNP User Group (DNP-UG) to continue to provide the valuable services the industry requires of us. Active Members of DNP-UG have free access to member training, SME technical support, Utility Council (April 2026), protocol documents, document updates, technical committee bulletins and minutes, and other relevant publications and documents.

For more information go to our [website](#)