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Facing an Estimated 474 GW of Interconnection Requests, Texas Hits Pause on Data Centers

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Power generation and data center developers should reassess project timelines and consider if the state's suspension impacts project viability, according to attorneys at Troutman Pepper Locke.

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Law firm Troutman Pepper Locke [published a blog post on the Texas pause](#), calling it a "delay of indeterminate duration" and urging project stakeholders to carefully assess the situation.

"Power generation and infrastructure investors financing transmission, generation, or grid infrastructure tied to large-load projects should assess how this suspension affects project viability, lender security interests, and committed capital deployment schedules — including counterparty termination rights," the firm said. Tech companies and hyperscalers considering Texas projects "should assess development timelines and evaluate the new disclosure and compliance requirements that will govern any future interconnection approval."

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