

Speaking Engagements | July 14 - 16, 2026

Infocast PowerUp Data Center – Infrastructure Summit 2026

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Troutman Pepper Locke is proud to be a Platinum Sponsor of Infocast's PowerUp Data Centers – Infrastructure Summit 2026, a timely forum focused on the power and infrastructure demands created by rapid AI and data center growth. With interconnection requests surging – including a 300% increase in ERCOT alone in 2025 – the Summit will explore how the energy industry can address speed-to-power challenges, rising load growth, customer cost concerns, and the need for new generation, transmission, financing, and interconnection solutions.

ABOUT THE SUMMIT

PowerUp Data Centers – Infrastructure will bring together data center, power, infrastructure, and finance leaders to discuss near-term and long-term solutions for powering large-scale data center development.

The Summit will focus on:

- Hybrid data and power facilities using a range of generation technologies
- Bridge power solutions before full grid interconnection
- Legacy generation as a power source
- New interconnection processes for large loads
- Accelerated generation and transmission development
- Financing structures that combine commercial real estate and project finance

DEALING WITH INTERCONNECTION SCARCITY CHALLENGES

Troutman Pepper Locke Partner [Andy Flavin](#) will moderate the panel, “Dealing with Interconnection Scarcity Challenges: New Processes and Transmission Buildout to Meet Capacity Demands,” on July 14 at 3:00 p.m. ET.

This panel will explore how large data center load growth is intensifying interconnection delays and increasing the

need for new transmission capacity. Topics will include:

- FERC Order No. 1920-B implementation
- Colocation of data centers and generation in transmission planning and cost allocation
- AI's potential role in accelerating grid upgrade planning
- System impacts of large loads in rural and emerging areas
- Strategies to speed transmission buildout

PERSPECTIVES ON DATA CENTER AND GRID INFRASTRUCTURE M&A AND DEAL TRENDS

Troutman Pepper Locke Partner [Brandon Lobb](#) will moderate the panel, "Perspectives on Data Center and Grid Infrastructure M&A and Deal Trends," on July 16 at 10:00 a.m. ET.

This session will examine how data center power demand is reshaping M&A activity and investment in generation assets, IPPs, developers, and grid infrastructure. Topics will include:

- Recent M&A trends and market outlook
- Evolving financing models for data center power strategies
- Partnerships among data centers, IPPs, and renewable developers
- Roles of real estate, REITs, technology companies, and infrastructure investors
- Impacts on interconnection agreements and PPAs
- Utility involvement in financing discussions
- Investment impacts of fuel mix changes and bridge-to-long-term power transitions

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