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It's unclear whether Gov. Abbott's "audit" of Texas data center projects seeking grid interconnections will affect the deal announced this week or NRG's broader BYOP strategy. Abbott's order pauses new data center interconnections pending a project-by-project review of their power needs, water consumption and financial impacts on Texas ratepayers — creating an "indefinite delay" that could threaten development contracts, according to a [Tuesday note](#) from Troutman Pepper Locke's energy law practice.

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