

Press Coverage | August 12, 2026

Texas 'AI Epicentre' Pauses Data Center Connections as ERCOT Queue Tops 1,800 Projects and 474GW

WRITTEN BY

[John K. Arnold](#) | [Brandon Lobb](#) | [Rachael Beavers](#)

Troutman Pepper Locke's [John Arnold](#), [Brandon Lobb](#), and [Rachael Beavers](#)'s article, "[Texas Hits Pause on Data Center Grid Connections Amid Growing Oversight Push](#)," was quoted in the August 12, 2026, *International Business Times* article, "[Texas 'AI Epicentre' Pauses Data Center Connections as ERCOT Queue Tops 1,800 Projects and 474GW](#)."

Legal experts warn of market disruption. Attorneys at Troutman Pepper Locke advised [power generation investors](#) and tech firms to reassess their capital deployment schedules and counterparty termination rights.

RELATED INDUSTRIES + PRACTICES

- [Data Centers](#)
- [Energy](#)