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KEY THEMES

- Google/Intersect Meitner Energy Center pairs >1 GW wind/solar/battery in Gray County, Texas
- Gray County notices 10-year abatements for three $1B Meitner data-center phases ($3B total)
- Monterey Park voters approve Measure NDC banning data centers citywide in June 2026
- India's Nuclear Energy Mission allocates Rs20,000 crore for SMRs, five units by 2033

Meitner Is Grid-Connected, Not Off-Grid — And the Hydrogen Project It Replaced Tells You Why

A co-located power complex only changes the grid math if it actually leaves the grid — and the strongest primary evidence says Google's Meitner project does not. Google and Intersect's June 4, 2026 announcement describes a data center in Gray and Roberts Counties, Texas, paired with more than a gigawatt of wind, solar, and battery storage, with the majority of power coming from clean energy "starting on Day One" and a minority share met by firming on-site gas. But the same release says that dedicated power "will help meet its demand while reducing the need for new power supply on the local grid" — a reduction, not an exit — and earlier county filings show the project was designed to sell into the transmission grid "when the system needs power." The project the data center replaced makes the distinction sharper: until 2025 this was a hydrogen play, with 340 MW solar and 460 MW wind feeding 400 MW of electrolyzers, before Gray County noticed three data-center tax-abatement phases at roughly $1 billion each that would terminate the earlier hydrogen agreement.

- Meitner appears grid-connected, not off-grid, with >1 GW co-located supply – Google/Intersect pair a Gray County, TX data center with >1 GW wind/solar/battery plus firming on-site gas; no ERCOT queue ID surfaced.
- Monterey Park voters appear to have locked in a citywide data center ban – California voters approved Measure NDC in June 2026, ending a 15.8-acre HMC/StratCap proposal at 1977 Saturn St after a Jan. 21 moratorium.
- India SMR conference signals direction, but investable catalyst is the broader nuclear shift – Budget 2025-26's Nuclear Energy Mission allocates Rs20,000 crore for SMRs, targeting five units by 2033; no data-center offtake pathway exists yet.

- Gray County's September 2025 notice covers three $1B data-center phases, ~$3B total, with 10-year abatements each.
- Google is building the 800-acre Caprock Workforce Hub in Wheeler County to house up to 3,500 construction workers.
- South Coast AQMD told Monterey Park the 1977 Saturn MND omitted 14 emergency diesel generators and disclosed 85,309 MTCO2e/yr, above the 10,000 threshold (TRADE/AGGREGATOR context corroborated by CEQAnet).
- India's parliamentary disclosures set a 100 GW nuclear target by 2047 versus 8.78 GW today, with 46 GW open to private/JV models.

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