

US Data Center Daily Briefing

June 13, 2026

KEY THEMES

- Panasonic evaluating "some lines" of its De Soto, Kansas factory for data-center cells
- Panasonic targets fiscal 2028 (ending March 2029) for Kansas data-center cell production
- No primary-source Kansas capex carve-out; modules expand in Mexico and Japan, not De Soto
- ERock files NYSE IPO as "EROC" at \$20-\$23/share, naming data centers as customers

Why Panasonic's De Soto "pivot" is partial, cell-only, and capex-undisclosed

Panasonic Energy isn't converting its De Soto, Kansas plant from EV batteries to data-center batteries — it's evaluating a partial line shift. Panasonic's own newsroom says it is "[looking into using some lines of its Kansas Factory](#)", one of its automotive lithium-ion cell facilities, for data-center battery cells, with mass production targeted in fiscal 2028, the year ending [March 31, 2029](#). The same site still produces automotive 2170 cells, having begun mass production in July 2025 toward [about 32 GWh of annual capacity](#). Kansas is assigned battery cells; Panasonic ties module expansion to Mexico and Japan.

- [Panasonic eyes some Kansas lines for data-center battery cells](#) – The De Soto plant remains an automotive 2170-cell factory; Panasonic targets fiscal 2028 (ending March 31, 2029) for data-center cell mass production on [some Kansas lines](#).
- [Kansas De Soto plant carries a ~\\$4B EV battery footprint](#) – Kansas framed the project as [up to \\$4 billion of investment and 4,000 jobs](#), with APEX incentives estimated at \$829.2 million.
- [Panasonic ties data-center module expansion to Mexico and Japan](#) – For energy storage modules, Panasonic is strengthening Japan capacity and adding [Mexico lines and a new nearby plant](#), keeping module work outside Kansas.
- [ERock launches IPO targeting data-center power loads](#) – The natural-gas generator maker launched a roadshow on June 1, 2026 for [27,906,977 Class A shares at \\$20.00 to \\$23.00](#), to list on the NYSE under ticker EROC.
- [ERock names data centers among its core customers](#) – Its proprietary natural-gas generators help facilities address [grid constraints, interconnection delays, and outage risks](#), serving data centers, utilities, manufacturers, healthcare and government.
- [KKR launches Helix Digital Infrastructure with \\$10B+ committed](#) – KKR, the Kuwait Investment Authority, NVIDIA and Vistra anchored [more than \\$10 billion in long-duration](#)

[commitments](#) to build AI data centers, power and connectivity.

- [Vistra to be Helix's preferred power provider; NVIDIA a strategic partner](#) – Vistra is named [preferred power provider](#) and NVIDIA will support deployment of DSX AI factory-aligned infrastructure; ex-AWS chief Adam Selipsky is co-founder and CEO.
- [Chhattisgarh draws ₹9,580 crore in investment proposals](#) – Seven firms submitted proposals at the Hyderabad Investors Connect, led by [Hypernext Data Center's ₹4,200 crore](#) data centre plan, with ~7,800 direct jobs expected.

Track any ISO, state, county, or company in the US data center build-out — Telborg tracks power, permitting, new projects and legislation exclusively from trusted sources

[Telborg Pro · \\$189/mo →](#)

[or book a 20-min call →](#)