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KEY THEMES

- Chevron Energy Forge One 2.67 GW Project Kilby for Microsoft in Reeves County, Texas
- Microsoft's ~2 GW Pecos campus launches behind-the-meter on co-located gas
- Virginia's new $0.011/kWh data-center electricity consumption tax, SCC-collected
- LPSC fast-tracks Entergy's U-37882 to serve Meta's Richland Parish load, Dec 16, 2026 decision

Inside Project Kilby: Chevron's 2.67 GW, 20-year power deal for Microsoft's Pecos campus

Chevron announced on June 22, 2026 that its wholly owned subsidiary Energy Forge One LLC signed a 20-year power purchase agreement with Microsoft for a co-located power facility in West Texas called Project Kilby. Microsoft said the same day it will build a new datacenter campus in Pecos, Texas. Chevron expects a final investment decision by the end of 2026 and anticipates first power in 2028. Texas air-permit records place the Kilby Power Plant near Pecos in Reeves County.

- Virginia budget sets $0.011/kWh data-center electricity tax – HB30 conference-report Item 3-5.24 #1c levies a tax on all electricity consumed at each data center from July 1, 2026 until before July 1, 2028, collected monthly by the State Corporation Commission.
- LPSC fast-tracks Entergy's U-37882 without approving it – the Commission set a December 16, 2026 target decision and directed the Administrative Hearings Division to build the record; staff confirmed the April 15 vote did not find the Lightning Initiative criteria satisfied.
- LED confirms Evest is a Meta subsidiary tied to the docket – Louisiana Economic Development told the LPSC that Evest, LLC is a subsidiary of Meta Platforms, Inc. and that the Richland Parish project needs initial utility contract power by 2028.
- Governor Landry and consumer advocates contest U-37882 cost allocation – Entergy says the 20-year ESA covers more than half the fixed revenue requirement; the Governor and the Alliance for Affordable Energy, UCS, and Sierra Club argue stronger hold-harmless protections are needed.
- TCEQ prepares a draft air permit for the Kilby Power Plant – the executive director completed technical review on Air Permit 181895, PSDTX1684, and GHGPSDTX260 for the

greenfield gas-turbine plant near Pecos.

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