

# US Data Center Daily Briefing

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## KEY THEMES

- PUCT approves ERCOT Batch Zero June 18, 2026 at 75 MW threshold
- ERCOT tracking ~410 GW large-load queue, ~87% data centers
- Virginia HB30 sets \$0.011/kWh data center power tax for 2026-2028
- Beacon-CRC Golden Valley Hub beside Elk Hills 550 MW plant, Kern County

## Inside ERCOT's Batch Zero: the 75 MW gate Texas just set for data center loads

Three DC sessions assembled for 2026-06-25. Feature: ERCOT Batch Zero PUCT approval (June 18, 2026), all-primary ERCOT/PUCT record. Secondary 1: Virginia HB30 \$0.011/kWh data center power tax, conference-text primary-verified (enacted-budget status noted once, scoped to the brief). Secondary 2: Beacon/CRC Golden Valley Technology Hub, primary-degraded — core project claims rest on LinkedIn/trade, so the two trade items moved to the capped Reported-not-primary-verified slot and the synthesis's absence-framing was dropped per fact-forward rules. No auto\_signals anywhere (no filings section). No also\_today\_stories provided (no Also today section). Entity anchors limited to high-confidence slug matches (Virginia, Kern County); all ERCOT/PUCT/Beacon/CRC/CEC entities were no\_match or lacked slugs and were not anchored. Central feature number (75 MW gate; 410 GW queue) stated once in its home subsections; title and lead carry distinct framing.

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