

US Data Center Daily Briefing

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KEY THEMES

- Executive Order No. 62 pauses New York hyperscale data centers over 50 MW
- S9144A would set a 20 MW statutory data-center threshold statewide
- NYISO large-load queue hits nearly 12,670 MW as of May 2026
- KEC International wins first 400 kV data-centre evacuation line in Western India

New York's data center pause runs on an EO – the 20 MW bill behind it would go further

New York's data center pause is running on an executive order, not a statute. Governor Kathy Hochul signed [Executive Order No. 62](#) to create a statewide moratorium on new hyperscale data centers while the state develops higher standards. A separate Senate bill, S9144A, would go further if enacted. The two mechanisms diverge on the number that decides who is covered: the executive action ties to [50 MW](#) hyperscale permitting, while the bill defines a data center at [twenty megawatts of electricity or more](#).

- [KEC opens data-centre T&D adjacency with first 400 kV evacuation-line order](#) – KEC International disclosed its “first transmission line order for evacuation of power to a Data Centre from a reputed private developer” in Western India, at 400 kV.
- [Equinix India reported \\$240M ECB points to growth capex](#) – Secondary reporting citing RBI ECB data indicates a USD 240 million external commercial borrowing for “modernisation or expansion of existing units.”
- [NYISO large-load queue reaches nearly 12,670 MW](#) – NYISO's 2026 Power Trends report counts 51 large load projects as of May 1, 2026, up from 20 projects (~4,000 MW) a year earlier.
- [S9144A would bar all state and local data-center approvals until DEC and PSC act](#) – The bill blocks any permit, certificate, or license for siting or construction until 90 days after DEC issues regulations and the PSC completes required actions.
- [S9144A sets an 18-month agency reporting floor](#) – DEC's final environmental impact report may issue no sooner than 18 months after the section becomes law, with at least 120 days of public comment on the draft.

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