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KEY THEMES

- Andaman & Nicobar withdraws Great Nicobar/Little Andaman Green AI/Data Centre EOI
- PJM strategy sees data centers driving most load growth through 2035
- 3,800 MW transfers to backup power in July 22 Dominion 230 kV fault
- Zayo expands AI fiber program to 15,000 route miles by 2030 with Corning

Andaman & Nicobar withdraws its Great Nicobar/Little Andaman data-centre EOI four days after issuing it

On August 14, 2026, the Andaman & Nicobar Administration withdrew the data-centre solicitation it had published four days earlier. The August 10 notice was an Expression of Interest to explore a private-sector-led Green AI/Data Centre vertical in Great Nicobar or Little Andaman. It [invited responses on a no-cost, no-commitment basis](#) from hyperscalers, cloud providers, and marine-engineering and renewable-energy firms. The withdrawal notice said the EOI [stood withdrawn with immediate effect due to administrative reasons](#). The document itself stated it was for market sounding only and did not constitute a tender or a promise of land allotment.

- [PJM's new five-year strategy focuses on reliability](#) – PJM's August 2026 strategy says load growth will stay elevated through 2035 with [data centers representing most incremental demand](#); the Board approved it in July 2026.
- [3,800 MW transferred to backup power in July 22 Dominion event](#) – a 230 kV fault in the Dominion zone triggered PJM's [largest load transfer](#), which PJM says was likely tied to voltage ride-through performance.
- [FERC accepted PJM's expedited generator interconnection track](#) – the June 9, 2026 order lets PJM consider up to 10 large interconnection requests per year through 2027, tied to a [6.6 GW shortfall](#) in the 2027/2028 capacity auction.
- [Zayo expands AI fiber program to 15,000 route miles by 2030](#) – a Corning supply agreement backs a program spanning [over 15,000 route miles and about 20 million fiber miles](#).
- [Zayo building 8,000+ miles of long-haul fiber with NVIDIA](#) – the NVIDIA-linked subset covers [six net-new long-haul routes plus overbuilds across 10 high-demand markets](#).

- [Zetwerk's SEBI filing lists AI infrastructure among customers](#) – FY26 revenue rose to [₹159.1bn](#); the ₹26bn fresh issue is weighted toward debt repayment, including at transformer subsidiary Kryfs.

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