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KEY THEMES

- EO 14420 bulk-power emergency, DOE rules due December 24, 2026
- Covered equipment: substation transformers, inverters, storage, UPS
- DOE declines all three Phase 3 NIETC transmission corridors
- Texas PUCT Batch Zero applies to large loads 75 MW or more

DOE's bulk-power emergency order is live now, with implementing rules due December 24

President Trump signed an executive order on August 26, 2026 declaring a national emergency over foreign-produced grid equipment, and the order is in force now. It authorizes the Secretary of Energy to block or condition transactions involving foreign-produced bulk-power-system equipment tied to a Covered Foreign Entity. DOE must [publish implementing rules within 120 days](#), an outer date of December 24, 2026. The covered-equipment list reaches substation transformers, grid-connected inverters, battery storage, and UPS systems supporting critical infrastructure.

- [DOE's national-emergency order on grid equipment is in force](#) – The August 26, 2026 order lets DOE block foreign-produced covered equipment for transactions initiated after that date, with implementing rules due by December 24, 2026.
- [DOE declines to designate all three Phase 3 transmission corridors](#) – DOE said on August 12, 2026 there was not a sufficient basis to designate the Tribal Energy Access, Southwestern Grid Connector, or Lake Erie-Canada corridors.
- [Texas PUCT details its large-load interconnection reforms](#) – PUCT told Governor Abbott that Batch Zero applies to large loads of 75 MW or more and will allocate transmission capacity to committed projects through 2032.
- [ESDS files a ₹6.0bn IPO to fund four-city data-centre capex](#) – The DRHP earmarks ₹4,807.29 million for cloud and infrastructure equipment across Airoli, Bengaluru, Mohali and Nashik, split ₹3,023.78m in FY2026 and ₹1,783.51m in FY2027.
- Karnataka Industries Minister M.B. Patil said Luxembourg-based iPC [proposed a ₹83,480 crore integrated green-hydrogen and hyperscale data-centre platform](#) near Tumakuru, with a ₹17,114 crore first phase.

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