

US Data Center Daily Briefing

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KEY THEMES

- Massachusetts EO 658 requires local approval before state data center permits
- Massachusetts requires developer-paid clean energy or ratepayer-support fees
- Mammoth Solar 86 MW plus storage offtake to Google in Kanawha County WV
- Loudoun County ended by-right data center approvals, studying Phase 2 rules

Massachusetts EO 658: local approval and developer-paid clean power for new data centers

Massachusetts made its data center guardrails binding on September 8, 2026. Governor Maura Healey signed [Executive Order No. 658](#), which sets requirements for responsible data center development in the state. The order requires that [data centers receive local approval before seeking state permits](#). It also states that covered projects must [pay for their own clean energy or pay fees](#) that support Massachusetts ratepayers.

- [Massachusetts EO 658 adds local-approval and clean-power tests for new data centers](#) – The order requires local sign-off before state permitting and puts clean-energy and infrastructure costs on the developer, following a June 25 pause on the state's data center tax incentive.
- [MN8, Google, and Eos disclose Mammoth Solar terms in Kanawha County, West Virginia](#) – The project combines 86 MW of solar, 70 MW/280 MWh lithium-ion storage, and 10 MW/100 MWh Eos zinc storage; Google buys energy, capacity, and clean energy attributes.
- [Google's West Virginia storage post confirms round-the-clock clean-power intent](#) – Google's same-day post ties the project to a planned Google facility in West Virginia; the state separately announced a Putnam County campus in March 2026.
- [Loudoun County ended by-right data center approvals in March 2025](#) – Phase 1 made data centers a conditional use requiring Special Exception approval in the IP, GI, and MR-HI districts, with grandfathering cutoff of February 12, 2025.
- [Loudoun says it lacks legal authority for a data center moratorium](#) – The county's land-use guidance states a local moratorium would likely conflict with Virginia law, which is why it pursued zoning changes; Phase 2 is studying onsite generation, storage, noise, and substation policy.

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