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# October 2026 report

What changed in ERCOT's generation interconnection queue: the October 2026 Generator Interconnection Status report against September 2026, from ERCOT's report and nothing else. Built November 3, 2026.

| NEW REQUESTS | WITHDRAWN |
|---|---|
| **44** | **67** |
| 17,385 MW | 10,311 MW |

| NET CAPACITY | MOVED FORWARD |
|---|---|
| **+7.1 GW** | **31** |
| queue change | 7 to a signed agreement |

16 active requests are past their target date · 1,766 active requests in the queue.

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## New requests

The largest requests appearing for the first time, as ERCOT lists them. A request is a study position, not a project.

| REQUEST · POI | COUNTY | TYPE | MW |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Ironwood Energy Center**<br>30INR0106 · 68051 Reata Station 345kV | Callahan | Gas combined cycle | 1,485 |
| **TempleCloud Gas**<br>28INR0508 · Tap #3414 Temple Switch - #3780 Tower Switch 345kV DCKT Line | Bell | Gas engines | 1,140 |
| **Rattler Combined Cycle Energy Center I**<br>29INR0410 · 345kV 8318 RIOHONDO7A Substation | Cameron | Gas combined cycle | 991 |

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| **Rattler Combined Cycle Energy Center II**<br>29INR0415 · 345kV 8318 RIOHONDO7A Substation | Cameron | Gas combined cycle | 991 |
| **Rattler Combined Cycle Energy Center III**<br>29INR0416 · 345kV 8318 RIOHONDO7A Substation | Cameron | Gas combined cycle | 991 |
| **Great Rock Energy Center II**<br>29INR0417 · Tap 345kV 79011 IRONHORSE TO 46020 LIMEST_POI_5 Ckt 18 and 3 | Leon | Gas combined cycle | 991 |
| **Great Rock Energy Center III**<br>29INR0418 · Tap 345kV 79011 IRONHORSE TO 46020 LIMEST_POI_5 Ckt 18 and 3 | Leon | Gas combined cycle | 991 |
| **BM Freestone Energy Center II**<br>29INR0419 · Loop Big Brown E to Navarro Ckt 1(PTI#3380-68091) and Big Br | Freestone | Gas combined cycle | 991 |
| **BM Freestone Energy Center III**<br>29INR0420 · Loop Big Brown E to Navarro Ckt 1(PTI#3380-68091) and Big Br | Freestone | Gas combined cycle | 991 |
| **Ironwood Energy Center II**<br>30INR0107 · 68051 Reata Station 345kV | Callahan | Gas combined cycle | 742 |

## Withdrawn

Absent from the new report; ERCOT does not publish why. A withdrawal frees a study position at that point of interconnection.

| REQUEST | COUNTY | TYPE | MW |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Ross Solar**<br>26INR0155 | Refugio | Solar | 1,026 |
| **Ross Storage**<br>26INR0156 | Refugio | Battery storage | 511 |
| **Sendero Solar**<br>28INR0043 | Starr | Solar | 503 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| **HyFuels Calhoun Solar**<br>26INR0028 | Victoria | Solar | 302 |
| **Roseland Solar**<br>20INR0205 | Falls | Solar | 254 |
| **Roseland Solar II**<br>22INR0506 | Falls | Solar | 254 |
| **Little Ridge Storage**<br>25INR0238 | Collin | Battery storage | 252 |
| **Black Hawk Solar**<br>28INR0040 | Duval | Solar | 251 |
| **Clutch City Solar Phase II**<br>25INR0330 | Brazoria | Solar | 251 |
| **Hill Valley BESS**<br>26INR0285 | Grimes | Battery storage | 246 |

## Moved forward

| REQUEST | COUNTY | MW | STAGE CHANGE |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Sitges Wind**<br>28INR0017 · Wind | Motley | 600 | in study → **signed, security posted** |
| **Sequoia II Solar**<br>22INR0262 · Solar | Callahan | 417 | signed, security posted → **Approved for energization** |
| **Funston Solar**<br>29INR0015 · Solar | Jones | 351 | signed, security posted → **Approved for energization** |
| **Drake BESS**<br>25INR0101 · Battery storage | Collin | 257 | signed, security posted → **Approved for energization** |
| **Tall Saddle Solar**<br>27INR0309 · Solar | Kenedy | 252 | in study → **agreement signed** |
| **Star Dairy Storage**<br>25INR0334 · Battery storage | Lamar | 205 | agreement signed → **signed, security posted** |
| **Tidwell Prairie II Batt**<br>22INR0503 · Battery storage | Robertson | 204 | signed, security posted → **Approved for synchronization** |

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| **Trenno BESS**<br>27INR0173 · Battery storage | Johnson | 203 | agreement signed → **signed, security posted** |
| **Willow Beach Wind**<br>25INR0494 · Wind | Brazoria | 202 | agreement signed → **signed, security posted** |
| **Dry Creek Solar II**<br>27INR0488 · Solar | Rusk | 201 | in study → **signed, security posted** |

## Crowded points of interconnection

| SUBSTATION (PSS/E BUS) | COUNTIES | REQUESTS | MW |
|---|---|---|---|
| Navarro (68091) 345 kV | Navarro, Freestone, Ellis | 24 | 7,854 |
| Solstice (60404) 345 kV | Pecos, Reeves | 23 | 13,000 |
| RILEY7A (6101) 345 kV | Wilbarger, Wichita, Foard | 22 | 9,880 |
| Tnp One (39950) 345 kV | Robertson, Milam | 20 | 3,794 |
| Cruce (80079) 345 kV | Duval, Jim Hogg, Starr | 19 | 5,800 |
| San Miguel (5901) 345 kV | Duval, Wilson, Atascosa | 19 | 5,234 |
| Elm Creek (5133) 345 kV | Wilson, Gonzales, DeWitt | 19 | 4,695 |
| Brown (1444) 345 kV | Brown, Coleman, Mills | 19 | 4,694 |

## Schedules slipping

16 active requests (1,900 MW) carry a target commercial-operation date that has already passed without approval for energization; ERCOT keeps the developer's last reported date until it is changed. Most in: Upton (2), Reeves (2), Kent (1), Harris (1), Castro (1).

## Rules that moved

- ERCOT paused the Batch Zero study process on Aug. 3, 2026 and plans to file its Batch Zero Eligibility Verification Report Dec. 10, 2026. ERCOT, Batch Zero Verification and Audit PUCT presentation, Aug. 20, 2026
- PUCT adopted the final large-load interconnection rule on Sept. 18, 2026 (Project 58481), standardizing requirements for loads of 75 MW or more; the draft's non-refundable $50,000/MW fee was dropped in favor of a flat

$100,000 study fee, with $50,000 per MW of requested capacity posted as financial security before studies begin. White & Case client alert, September 2026

- The final PUCT rule gives large loads a 24-month grace period spanning the energization schedule. White & Case client alert, September 2026
- On Sept. 21, 2026 the Governor directed TCEQ to pause permits related to data center projects; on Oct. 19, 2026, TCEQ told the Governor it had paused all permits related to building infrastructure directly supporting data centers. TCEQ letter to Gov. Abbott, Oct. 19, 2026
- All SGIAs executed on or after January 1, 2026 use the updated form approved in PUCT Project 58211. ERCOT notice M-A120125-02

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## Dates to watch

- **Dec 10, 2026** ERCOT Batch Zero eligibility verification report due to the PUCT
- **Feb 15, 2027** El Paso Electric annual large-generator interconnection window opens
- **Mar 5, 2028** TCEQ Construction General Permit TXR150000 expires (TCEQ renews it)
- **Sep 1, 2029** Tax Code Chapter 312 expires unless continued: no new abatement agreements after that

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