

ERCOT MONTHLY

May 2026

A RECAP OF KEY INFORMATION FROM THE PREVIOUS MONTH, A LOOK AT THE UPCOMING MONTH, AND A SNAPSHOT OF ADDITIONAL KEY ITEMS

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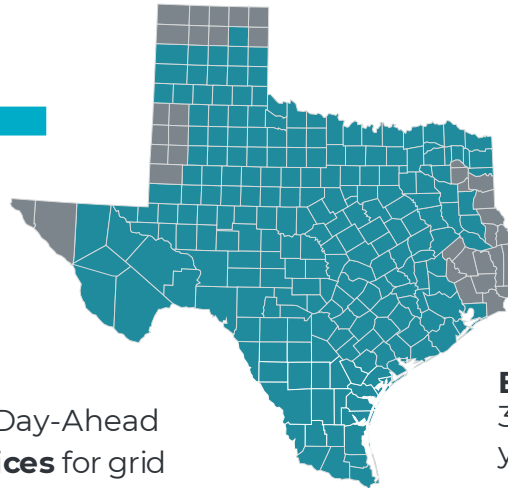


April 2026

Look Back

74,603* MW

April 2026
peak demand
(April 27, 2026)



65,617 MW

Previous April peak
record for comparison
(April 14, 2025)

ERCOT procured
\$21.06 million in Day-Ahead
Market **Ancillary Services** for grid
reliability in April 2026

Energy generation increased by
3.54% compared to this time last
year

*unofficial until final settlements



32,298 MW

April solar generation record



28,379 MW

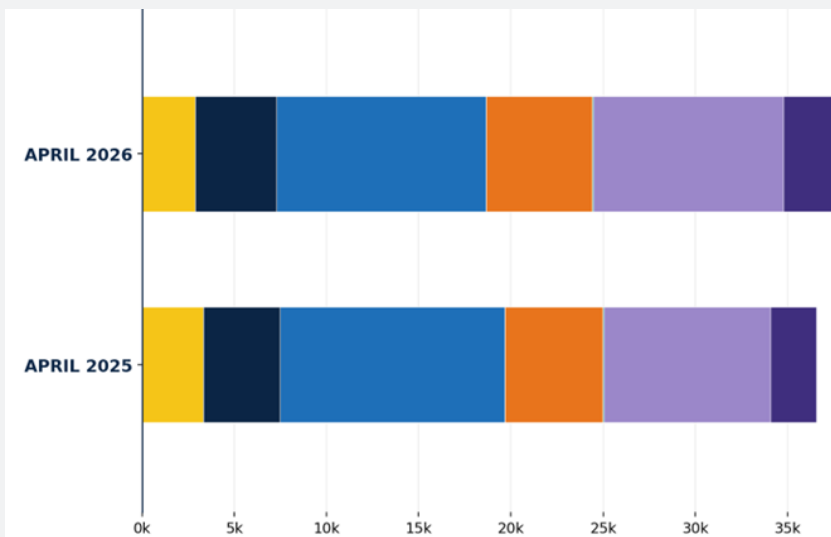
April wind generation peak



9,646 MW

April max discharge
generation

April 2025 vs. 2026 Energy Generation Comparison



	April 2025	April 2026
Nuclear	3,306	2,876
Coal	4,172	4,423
Wind	12,205	11,348
Solar	5,309	5,769
Hydro	54	44
Biomass	10	9
Gas-CC	9,009	10,316
Gas	2,499	3,076
Total	36,564	37,860

*figures shown in GWh

Monthly Outlook for Resource Adequacy

June 2026

Shown above, the May [Monthly Outlook for Resource Adequacy \(MORA\) report's](#) probabilistic modeling results indicate a low risk (less than 1%) in the 8-9 p.m. hour of having to declare an Energy Emergency Alert (EEA). The model also accounts for the risk of coastal wind curtailment needed to avoid overloads on lines that make up the South Texas export interface.

Under typical grid conditions, the deterministic scenario indicates that there should be sufficient generating capacity available. The full report can be found on the [Resource Adequacy](#) page of ERCOT's website.

Hour Ending (CDT)	Chance of Normal System Conditions Probability of CAFOR being above 3,000 MW	EMERGENCY LEVEL	
		Chance of an Energy Emergency Alert Probability of CAFOR being less than 2,500 MW	Chance of Ordering Controlled Outages Probability of CAFOR being less than 1,500 MW
1 a.m.	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
2 a.m.	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
3 a.m.	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
4 a.m.	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
5 a.m.	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
6 a.m.	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
7 a.m.	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
8 a.m.	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
9 a.m.	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
10 a.m.	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
11 a.m.	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
12 p.m.	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
1 p.m.	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
2 p.m.	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
3 p.m.	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
4 p.m.	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
5 p.m.	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
6 p.m.	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
7 p.m.	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
8 p.m.	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
9 p.m.	99.64%	0.09%	0.04%
10 p.m.	99.64%	0.03%	0.01%
11 p.m.	99.88%	0.02%	0.00%
12 a.m.	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Note: Probabilities are not additive.

Additional Items of Note

Stakeholders Advance Large Load “Batch Zero” Framework

After a months-long stakeholder process at the direction of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT), ERCOT and stakeholders cleared the final Stakeholder Process development hurdle on the Batch Study Process for Large Load Interconnections (the “Batch Zero” framework) at a Special Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting on May 19, 2026. TAC voted out the paired Nodal Protocol Revision Request 1325 (NPRR1325) and Planning Guide Revision Request 145 (PGRR145), sending these revision requests to the June ERCOT Board of Directors for final ERCOT approval before they move to the PUCT for the agency’s consideration.

The approved Batch Zero framework defines how loads qualify into the transitional Batch Zero, what study work Transmission Service Providers (TSPs) must complete, and how the transition to Batch One and beyond eventually closes the door on the existing Large Load Interconnection Process.

The Large Load Working Group meeting on May 21 set the operational readiness calendar that runs underneath the June Board vote: ERCOT will hold compliance and attestations workshops on July 10 and July 24, with all Batch Zero attestation forms due August 7.

Board Update (June 1–2, 2026): On June 2, the ERCOT Board of Directors adopted NPRR 1325 and PGRR 145, completing ERCOT approval of the Batch Zero framework and sending the package to the PUCT, which is expected to take it up at the Commission’s June 18, 2026, Open Meeting. Review the [presentation on Batch Zero framework](#).

PUCT Update (June 18, 2026): On June 18, the PUCT approved ERCOT’s Batch Zero process for large-user connection requests, ensuring large electricity users like data centers only connect in quantities and locations the Texas grid can reliably support. An ERCOT Trending Topic on the Batch Zero process [can be viewed here](#).

NPRR 1315 Relating to Contracts for Capacity Authority for Far West Texas Clears TAC

NPRR 1315 (Contracts for Capacity Authority, sometimes called “C4C”), was recommended for ERCOT Board approval at the Special TAC on May 13. The proposal grants ERCOT explicit protocol authority to enter into contracts for capacity to address anticipated emergencies in defined localized areas. The immediate use case for this authority is located in Far West Texas, where load growth in the Permian Basin has outpaced transmission build-out and creates a near-term resource-adequacy concern. The Board adopted NPRR 1315 on June 2, codifying ERCOT’s authority to contract for additional capacity in defined constrained areas where near-term reliability needs are emerging faster than transmission build-out and market responses cannot adequately address the needs. PUCT review is expected in July.

Multiple Transmission Projects Endorsed by Technical Advisory Committee

TAC unanimously endorsed a slate of Regional Planning Group projects. The projects span the San Antonio-Central Texas corridor, two sets of combined North and Central Texas reliability projects, and a new 765-kV substation and line addition between Austin and San Antonio. Consumer and ratepayer representatives used the discussion to renew their call for transmission cost-allocation reform as large loads are driving a growing share of the buildout but voted to endorse.

Board Update (June 1–2, 2026): The Board unanimously endorsed six Tier 1 transmission projects totaling roughly \$6.5 billion of prospective grid investment on June 2. The endorsed projects include a reactive power and switching project in the CPS Energy area, two combined Oncor reliability packages, an Oncor–LCRA project serving the Central Texas corridor, and the LCRA–CenterPoint Euclid 765-kV addition. ERCOT noted that this slate of projects aims to address reliability violations, aging infrastructure (with some assets dating to the 1920s and 1950s), and continued system load growth.

NPRR 1328 Relating to the Generation Firming Program Begins Its Path to a December 2027 Statutory Deadline

At the May 8 Wholesale Market Subcommittee (WMS) meeting, ERCOT introduced NPRR 1328, the Generation Firming Program. NPRR1328 implements PUCT Rule 16 TAC 25.65, the agency rule arising from House Bill 1500 of the 2023 Legislative Session, which directs ERCOT to design and operate a program that financially rewards new dispatchable generation for being available during specified peak hours and penalizes shortfalls. The PUCT-mandated effective date is December 17, 2027.

The program applies to new generation resources with a Standard Generator Interconnection Agreement (SGIA) signed on or after January 1, 2027, that have been in commercial operation for at least one year. It defines Seasonal Average Generation Capability based on historical performance, sets penalties (the “firming charge”) for performing below a threshold during designated firming hours, and pays bonuses for performance above a threshold. ERCOT staff solicited stakeholder comments on the penalty structure, the duration of designated firming hours, and the treatment of co-located resources (such as solar-plus-storage projects) that may be in commercial operation but have different operating profiles than dispatchable thermal units.

Board Update (June 1–2, 2026): NPRR 1328 remains in the stakeholder process and was not before the Board for a vote during the June 2026 Board of Directors Meeting. ERCOT staff briefed the Board on the revision’s calendar, stating that the new Protocol section must reach the Board by September 2026 to support the December 2027 implementation deadline, with the first compliance season beginning March 1, 2028.