



Item 14: Batch Zero Update

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Board of Directors Meeting

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Purpose

Provide an update on Batch Zero.

For information only

No action is requested; for discussion only.

Key Takeaways

- ERCOT took immediate actions to address Governor Abbott's August 3, 2026 directive related to the interconnection of data centers and crypto mining loads.
- The verification and audit process will have a TBD impact on the Batch Zero process and timeline.
- ERCOT has provided conditional classification for all Batch Zero Large Loads:
 - 204 projects (66.4 GW) met the qualifications to be conditionally included as base load;
 - 158 projects (127.9 GW) met the qualifications to be conditionally included as studied load.

Legacy Large Load Interconnection to Batch Zero Transition

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
June	1 Board Meeting	2 Board Meeting	3	4 Batch Readiness Meeting 2-3PM	5
	8	9	10	11 Batch Readiness Meeting 2-3PM	12
	15	16	17	18 PUCT approval of PGRR145/NPRR1325	19 LLWG/Batch Readiness 10-11:30AM
	22	23 Batch Zero Market Notice issued	24	25 Batch Readiness Meeting 2-3PM	26
	29	30			

Key Takeaway:

- ERCOT held weekly meetings to prepare stakeholders for the transition from the legacy Large Load Interconnection Study (LLIS) process to the Batch Zero process.

July			1 Batch Readiness Meeting 2-3PM	2	3
	6	7	8	9 Batch Readiness Meeting 2-3PM	10 LLIS Submission Process ends
	13	14	15	16	17
	20	21	22	23	24 TSP Due date for Batch Zero
	27	28	29	30	31

← July 10: Sunset of the LLIS process

← July 24: Batch Zero submission package due date

Governor Abbott's August 3 directive

August 3, 2026 Directive

Governor Abbott directed the Commission and ERCOT to complete “a comprehensive verification and audit” of all data centers advancing through the interconnection process before allowing those loads to proceed.

Actions taken by ERCOT

- August 3, 2026 – Issued a Market Notice pausing the Batch Zero study process and delaying final classification of all Large Loads.
- Paused approvals to energize data centers or virtual currency mining facilities (crypto facilities) that are 75 MW or greater.
- August 10, 2026 – Filed with Commission a request for three good cause exceptions for PGRR 145 along with a status update on related matters.
 - The Commission granted all three requests on August 20, 2026.
- Planned activities to address the August 3rd directive.

Key takeaways

- ERCOT took immediate actions to address Governor Abbott's directive.
- The verification and audit process will have an impact on the Batch Zero process and timeline.

Key Changes to Batch Zero and the Large Load Interconnection Process in Response to Governor Abbott's Directive

- 1 ERCOT has begun a verification and audit of the eligibility of all Large Loads provisionally included in Batch Zero. ERCOT will file the Batch Zero Eligibility Verification Report with the Commission by December 10, 2026.
- 2 ERCOT will send RFIs to the Interconnecting Transmission Service Providers and Distribution Service Providers of both medium Load (25-75 MW) and Large Load data centers and crypto mining facilities to gather certain information regarding the impact of these Loads on their communities. ERCOT will file the Community Impact Review Report with the Commission by December 10, 2026.
- 3 ERCOT has paused the energization of new Large Load data centers and crypto mining facilities until the completion of the verification and audit and community impact review.
- 4 ERCOT provided provisional Batch Zero Large Load project classification (base, studied, excluded) to the Interconnecting TSPs on September 3, 2026. Final project inclusion/ exclusion determination will be based on the results of the eligibility verification and audit and provided in December. (Originally, PGRR 145 required ERCOT to provide final classification on August 7, 2026.)
- 5 ERCOT is still determining the impact to the Batch Zero Study timeline (Originally, PGRR 145 required ERCOT to complete the study by April 9, 2027.)

Key Takeaways:

- Energization pause impacts Large Load data centers and crypto facilities not yet connected to the ERCOT system. Large Loads must meet eligibility verification to move forward.
- Two separate and distinct work streams.
 - ❖ “Verification and audit” process impacts Batch Zero interconnection process.
 - ❖ Community Impact process provides meaningful information for policymakers.
- Both work streams are proceeding on schedule.
- The verification and audit process will have a TBD impact on the Batch Zero Study process and timeline.

Batch Zero Large Load Conditional Classifications

Interconnecting Transmission Service Providers (TSPs) received the **conditional classification** for each of their Large Loads on **September 3, 2026**.

Included information:

- Large Loads reclassified from a base load eligibility path to a studied load path (subject to the PGRR 145 verification process)
- Large Loads conditionally included subject to **a future good cause exception** related to eligibility criteria (9 Large Loads)
- Large Loads conditionally included subject to **curing deficiencies in dynamic model data**
- Large Loads **excluded** from Batch Zero and the reason for exclusion

Dispute Processes:

1. A developer that has a Large Load **excluded** from Batch Zero may dispute its exclusion through ERCOT's Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) process under ERCOT Protocols Section 20.
2. A developer with a Large Load submitted as base load but reclassified as studied load may dispute using the process in Planning Guide Section 9.3.1. This is a defined dispute timeline process.

Key Takeaways:

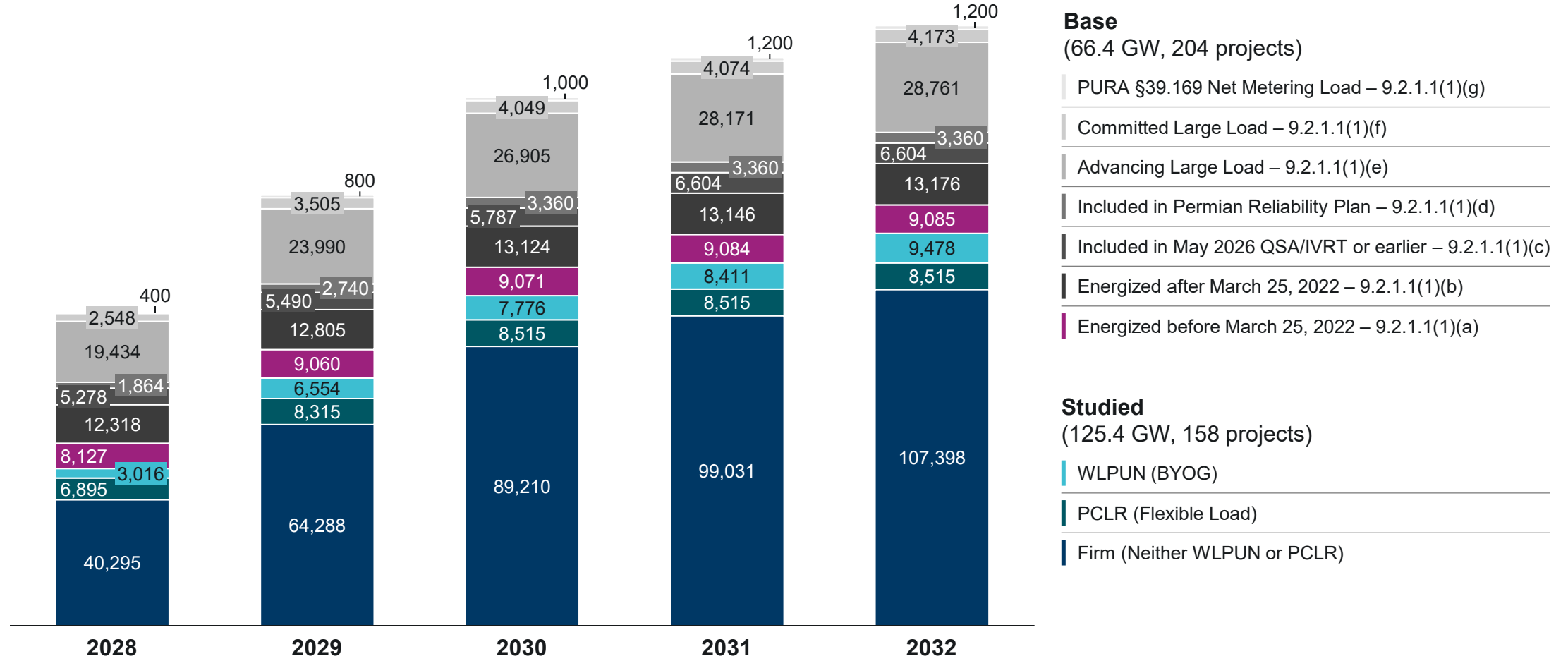
- Conditional classification list released September 3
- **362 Large Loads** in either base or studied load categories
- Some Large Loads are included subject to resolving other issues; almost all not-yet-energized Large Loads are subject to PGRR 145 verification process

Key Definitions:

- **Batch Zero:** ERCOT's one-time transitional study of the reliability impacts of Large Loads that seek to interconnect to the ERCOT system and meet certain eligibility criteria under Planning Guide Revision Request (PGRR) 145
- **Large Loads:** 75 MW or greater

Overview of Conditional Batch Zero Eligibility (1/2)

Batch Zero conditional base and studied load, MW

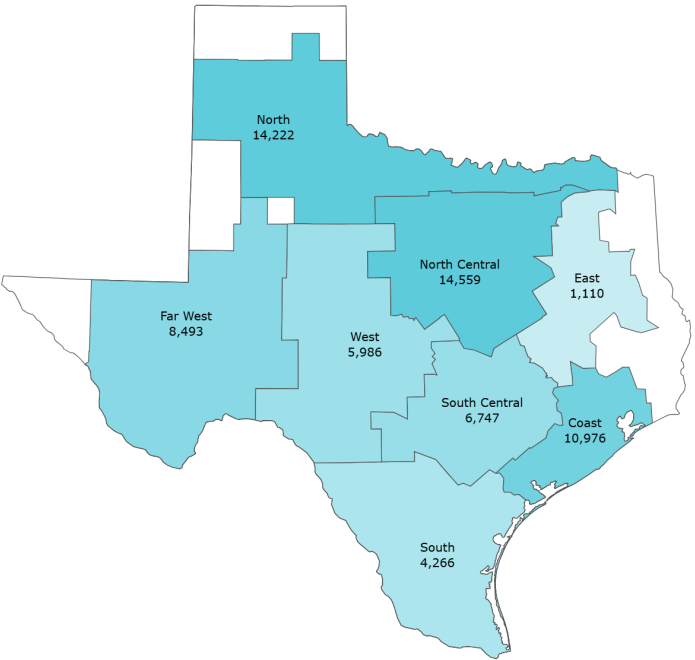


This chart omits **excluded load** (302.2 GW, 373 projects)

Overview of Conditional Batch Zero Eligibility (2/2)

■ Base load ■ Studied load

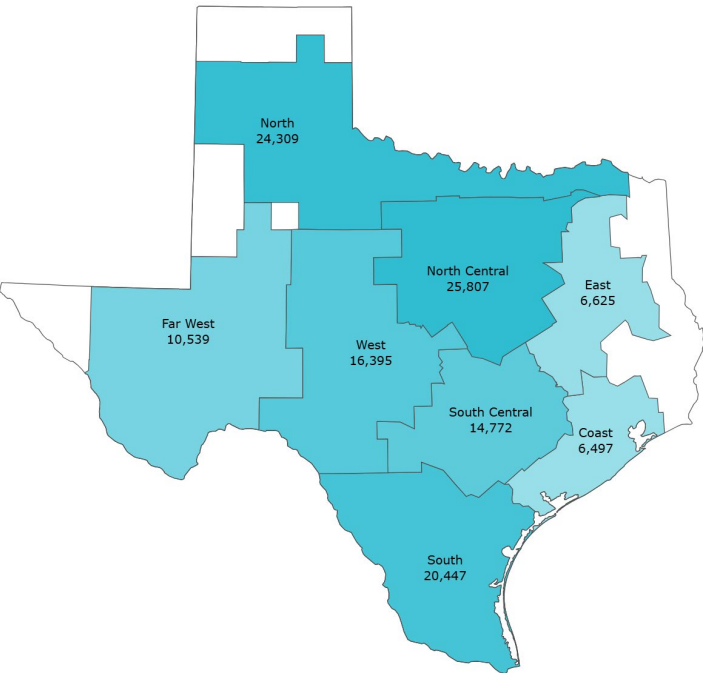
Base load 2032, MW



Top base load counties

Dallas (5,713 MW), Harris (5,672 MW), Haskell (2,689 MW), Brazoria (2,357 MW), Ellis (2,330 MW)

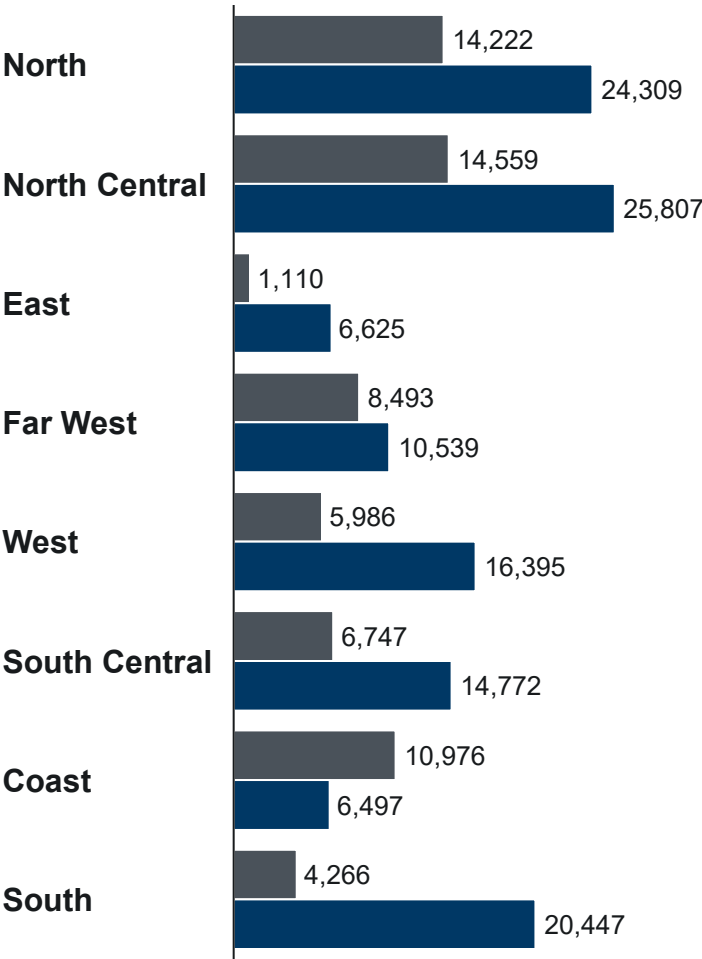
Studied load 2032, MW



Top base + studied load counties

Cameron (12,235 MW), Dallas (7,637 MW), Jones (7,000 MW), Harris (6,899 MW), Childress (6,750 MW)

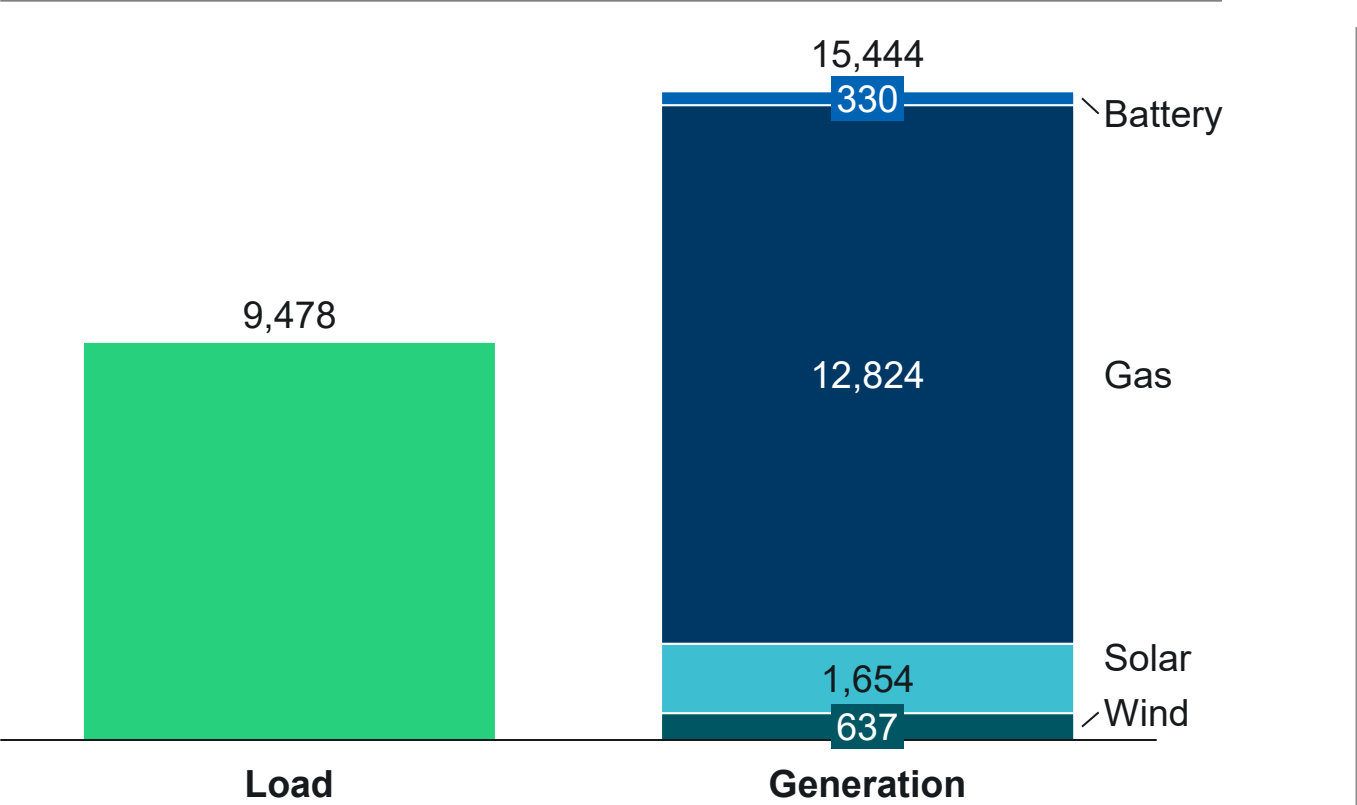
Base & studied load by region, MW



Note: Final project inclusion / exclusion determination will be based on the results of the eligibility verification and audit and provided in December

Batch Zero Withdrawal Limited Private Use Network (WLPUN) project details (BYOG)

WLPUN load and generation mix, MW



WLPUN project count

Project type	# of projects
Load > generation	2
Generation > load	9
Total WLPUN projects	11