



Item 13: CEO Update

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ERCOT President and CEO

Board of Directors Meeting

September 14-15, 2026

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Purpose

This presentation highlights ERCOT's planning activities and strategic areas of focus.

For information only

No action is requested; for discussion only.

Key Takeaways

- ERCOT delivered reliable grid operations through a summer of record demand and rising energy use — successfully meeting 21 new demand records, while year-to-date energy use through August grew 4.21% over 2025.
- ERCOT has begun the PGRR145 verification process for Batch Zero and is coordinating with Transmission and Distribution Service Providers and Large Load Entities. This process impacts other related resource adequacy and planning activities.
- September marks 30 years of ERCOT serving as an Independent System Operator.
- ERCOT is launching a new podcast in late September!

Reliable Grid Operations through a Summer of Record Demand



NEW ALL-TIME PEAK DEMAND RECORDS

21

(2023 had 34)

includes all-time, monthly, and weekend summer peak records (June-Sept) (as of September 12, 2026)



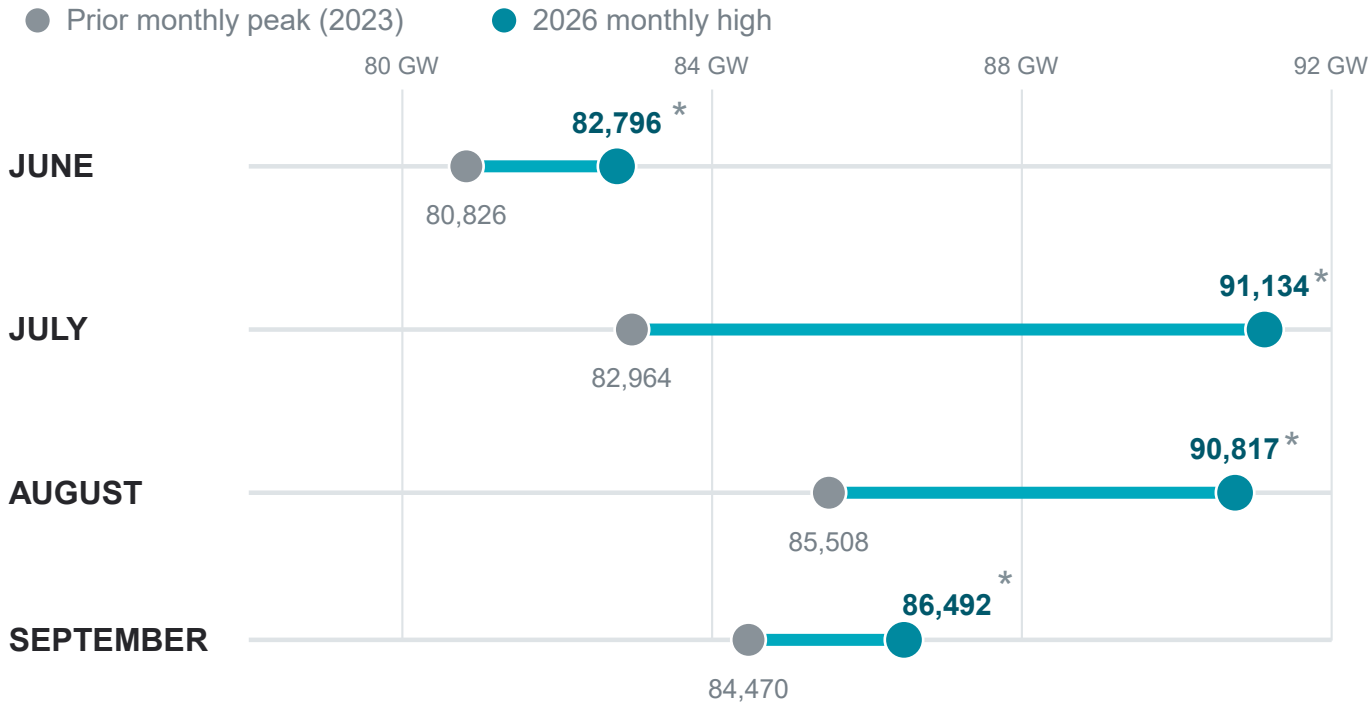
2 NEW ALL-TIME PEAK DEMAND RECORDS

Previous 85,508 MW (set 2023)

91,134* MW

(set July 22, 2026)

ERCOT has served nearly 14M more MWh** in 2026 than 2025



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New weekend all-time peak demand records (as of September 12)

1

new June record

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new July records

9

new August records

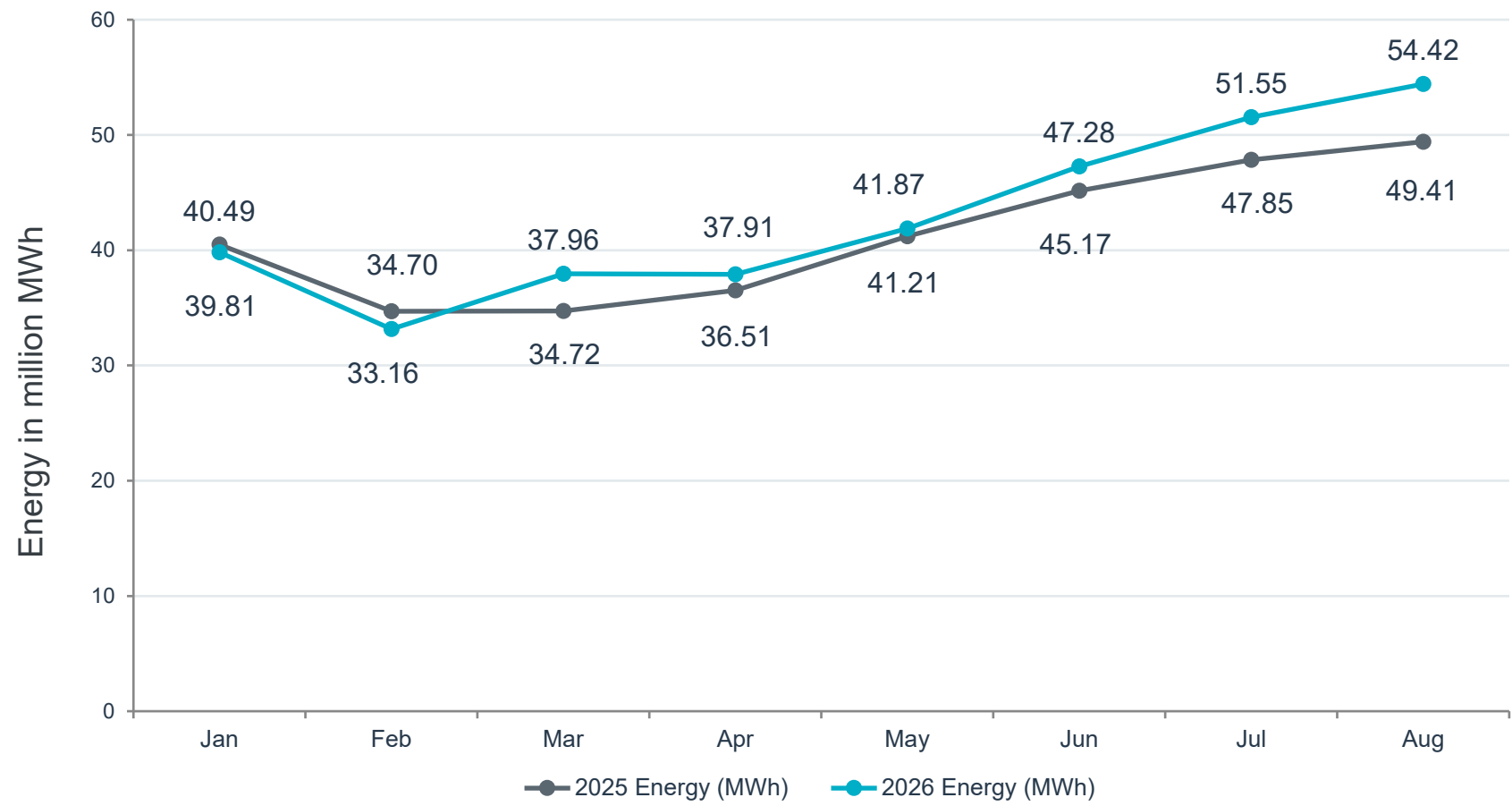
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new September records

* unofficial until final settlements occur

** megawatt hours

Monthly Energy Comparison 2025 vs 2026 (January – August)



Year-to-date Energy
(through August)

343.96M MWh

↑ 4.21% vs. 2025

13.91M MWh more energy
through August

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

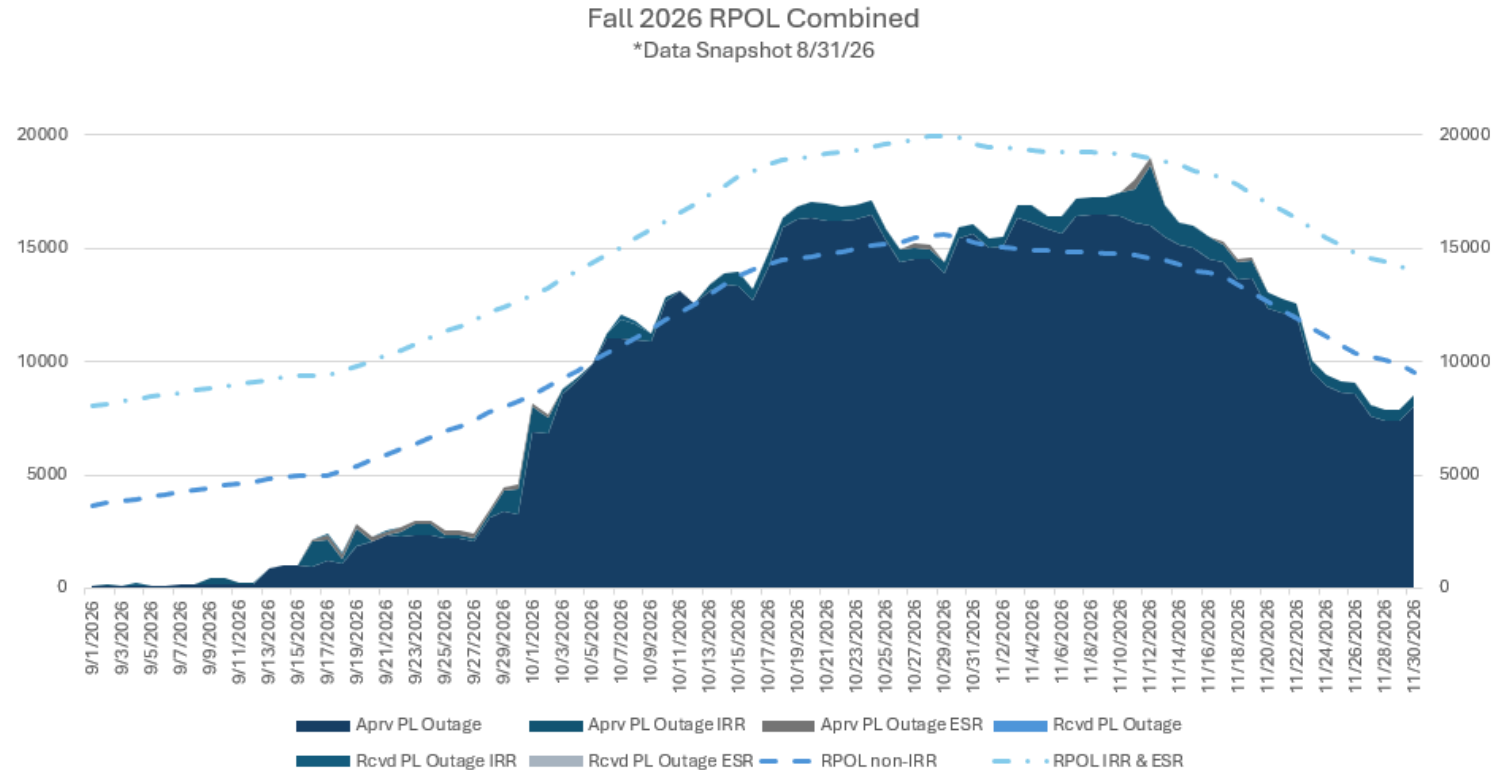
JULY 2026	AUGUST 2026
↑ 7.74%	↑ 10.13%
vs. July 2025	vs. August 2025

6 of 8 months
in 2026 were above 2025

Key Takeaway: Demand growth extends beyond the new peak records set this summer. The sustained energy growth reinforces the need to continue expanding and strengthening the system to serve Texas’ growing demand.

Fall Shoulder Season

- On August 10, ERCOT began applying the Resource Planned Outage Limit (RPOL) for Energy Storage Resources (ESRs), which is used to reliably support resource planned outage requests.
- Information and available slots are posted on ERCOT.com for review and scheduling.
- ERCOT has a Generation Outages dashboard on ERCOT.com that provides a graphical representation of planned and forced outages in real time.



Key Takeaway: Scheduling maintenance is extremely important in the off-peak seasons, such as fall, so generation and transmission owners can service their equipment; however, as overall system demand continues to rise, there is less availability to allow downtime for maintenance as ERCOT needs to reliably manage the grid. Long-term planning will help as we build out the system and add new generation resources.

PGRR145 Verification Process: High-Level Planning Impacts

**Good Cause
Exception**



**PGRR145
Verification Process**



**Timing &
Sequencing**

Key downstream resource adequacy and planning items

Batch Zero

delayed to perform the
PGRR145 verification
and community impact survey
(Starts Dec/Jan)

Long-Term Load Forecast (LTLF)

timing depends on having the
appropriate large-load inputs and
process changes in place
(Follows the Batch Zero definition
in December)

Capacity, Demand & Reserves (CDR)

December report timing affected
by changes to forecast inputs
(Target is January 2027)

Reliability Assessment

timing will shift to incorporate the
updated planning inputs
(Coming in 2027)

Key Takeaway: The Good Cause Exception provides flexibility for ERCOT to implement the verification process in a coordinated way, with potential timing impacts cascading through Batch Zero, the Long-Term Load Forecast, and related resource adequacy and planning assessments.

ERCOT's Expands Texas Advisory and Notification System (TXANS)

- ERCOT is in the process of expanding TXANS to include emergency notifications.
- Later this fall, TXANS notifications will include:
 - Weather Watch
 - Voluntary Conservation Notice
 - Conservation Appeal
 - Emergency notifications (EEA* 1, EEA 2, EEA 3)
- Through TXANS, the emergency notifications will be in plain language, rather than NERC-specific language.
- TXANS will also offer text notifications.
- TXANS will still be available in English and Spanish.
- The ERCOT control room will still send NERC-required specific emergency notifications to its Emergency Alerts list.



Key Takeaway: The goal of the expanding TXANS is to provide transparent, understandable grid notifications through one comprehensive system for the public.

* Energy Emergency Alerts (EEA)

30th Anniversary as Nation's First Independent System Operator (ISO)



Thank you to our employees, Market Participants, Public Utility Commission of Texas, and Texas Legislature for all the work over the last 30 years and more. Special thank you to the five ERCOT employees who have served Texans for 30 years: Colleen Frosch, Greg Guenther, Cagle Lowe, Robert Matlock, and Bobby Winkler!

ERCOT PowerCast Podcast



- 30-minute monthly video and audio podcast featuring internal and external guests
- Designed for the public, industry stakeholders, and thought leaders
- Hosted by Gordon Drake, ERCOT director of Market Design and Analysis, with Matt Mereness and David Kezell also part of the host pool
- Available wherever you find podcasts and on ercot.com

Key Takeaway: The PowerCast will be another channel for ERCOT to communicate, educate, and provide transparency through the eyes of subject matter experts, leaders, and the industry.

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