

Texas Lawbook Publishes “What Gov. Abbott’s Data Center Audit Directive Means for ERCOT and the Batch Zero Study Process” Client Alert

In the Media | August 26, 2026

The Gibson Dunn client alert “What Gov. Abbott’s Data Center Audit Directive Means for ERCOT and the Batch Zero Study Process” was re-printed in [The Texas Lawbook](#). Partners Tory Lauterbach and Adam Whitehouse explain that the Public Utility Commission of Texas and Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) must conduct a comprehensive verification and audit of all data centers moving through ERCOT’s interconnection process before any additional projects advance. They outline the primary requirements of the directive, as well as ERCOT’s proposed plan to accommodate the audit requirements, and analyze the key impacts on data centers currently seeking to interconnect to the ERCOT grid.

Of counsel Allison Hellreich and associates Carrie Mobley and Jess Rollinson contributed to the client alert.

Related People

[Tory Lauterbach](#)

[Adam Whitehouse](#)

[Allison Hellreich](#)

[Carrie Mobley](#)

[Jess Rollinson](#)

Related Capabilities

[Energy Regulation and Litigation](#)

[Energy and Infrastructure](#)

[Data Centers and Digital Infrastructure](#)