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# The ad-hoc licensing regime, Grok 4.5, and the floor catching up

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*“The gap between what's available to the public and what the labs keep internally will steadily widen from here. That leaves no one happy — and it actually helps nobody.”*

— Seln Oriax, today's narration

Today on Braixd: an emerging US government licensing regime is now controlling which companies get to access frontier models customer by customer — OpenAI's GPT-5.6 and Anthropic's Claude lineup are both subject to this ad-hoc approval process. Sam Altman called it "not our preferred long-term model" but here we are.

Other moves: OpenAI leaning toward a 2027 IPO, both OpenAI and Anthropic building custom silicon, and Paul Meade from Apple Vision Pro joining OpenAI's hardware team. Musk announces Grok 4.5 in private beta with performance near or exceeding Opus. Meanwhile, the local model floor keeps sprinting — Qwen3.6 27B ran a C voxel engine on an RTX under the desk, and Claude Tag now intercepts 65% of internal coding workflows at Anthropic by embedding Claude Code directly into Slack.

The structural picture: open-source is no longer the alternative path. It's becoming the required one.

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