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Greenidge Local Advisory Group Sets the Record Straight Following Misleading NBC News Report

***Distinguished Former Environmental, Agricultural and Governmental Leaders
Share Truth About Community Support for Operation in New York***

Dresden, New York – The local Community Advisory Group of Greenidge Generation LLC, which is comprised of distinguished former New York environmental, agricultural, and governmental leaders, issued the following statement today regarding the misleading NBC News pieces that were written and broadcast this past weekend:

“The NBC News pieces which ran this weekend were unfortunately based upon the previously discredited claims of the remaining few opponents of Greenidge, and do not in any way reflect the overwhelming support Greenidge enjoys locally from local government, civic organizations, our Seneca Lake neighbors and the IBEW workers that partner with us. The very same people cited by NBC News have been opposing Greenidge for several years, offered nothing new, and have already had their arguments repeatedly and soundly rejected by the Courts of New York and by our neighbors.

We would know. We live here, and we know this community.

The three of us speak with people across our region daily; we receive encouragement for lending our voices to the effort to tell the true Greenidge story. We will continue to do so proudly. Greenidge’s comprehensive record of environmental stewardship in power generation and bitcoin mining, and its growing role as a job creator and vital economic engine for Upstate New York, is simply not in dispute among those of us here who know the truth.

The suggestion that Greenidge is somehow negatively impacting Seneca Lake -- or is an impediment to New York’s important greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals -- is just false. Any honest review of the facts makes that clear.”

THE FACTS:

- In 2017, Greenidge resumed operations as a clean source of power for New York and is the first and only bitcoin miner of scale in the United States **that is already 100% carbon neutral.**

- **The facility operates in full compliance with its air and water permits.**
 - Those environmental permits were issued after years of analysis by the State, and already protect Seneca Lake and the public health. There is no activity taking place at Greenidge outside those existing environmental protections.
- **Assuming Greenidge was running at full capacity 24/7/365, it accounts for less than 1% -- approximately 0.37% by its current estimate -- of the total statewide greenhouse gas target for the State in 2030.**
 - There is zero threat to the goals of the State's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) from Greenidge's current or future operation.
- **There is zero evidence of any harm being caused to Seneca Lake by Greenidge. That claim is false. There were literally dozens of individuals and families enjoying the Inlet near Greenidge this past holiday weekend.**
 - Greenidge publishes its water discharge temperatures regularly (and shared them with NBC News). They just did so again during this year's trout spawning season. **The average daily temperature of the water leaving Greenidge from March 1st through April 17th of this year was 49.6 degrees — with just a 6.8 degrees average difference between intake and outflow.**
 - As Lt. Judson Peck, Retired NYS Environmental Conservation Police, said recently about our water usage, *"A few rainbow trout will enter the Keuka Outlet to spawn in the spring. Water temperature of this range would have ABSOLUTELY no adverse effect on the spawning fish."*

The Greenidge Advisory Group is comprised of the following local leaders:

Dr. Tim Dennis is a former Yates County Legislative Chairman. First elected to the County legislature in 2007, Dennis represented District 2 (Benton, Potter, Torrey) until his retirement in 2019, having served as Legislative Chairman for four years, from 2014 through 2017. A graduate of Cornell University, where he earned a degree in Veterinary Medicine, Dennis established Eastview Veterinary Clinic in Penn Yan in 1973. He has served his community in several capacities, including with the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Yates County, the Penn Yan Central School Board of Education, the Finger Lakes Economic Development Center, the Yates History Center, and the Benton Methodist Church.

Gwen Chamberlain was editor of *The Chronicle-Express* in Penn Yan until last spring and had also been editor of *The Observer* in Dundee and *Review & Express* in Watkins Glen during a newspaper publishing career that spanned more than 30 years. A lifelong resident of Yates County, she grew up on a dairy farm near Himrod before her family moved to a Seneca Lake property in Torrey.

Skip Jensen grew up on his family's dairy farm in Penn Yan, not far from the Greenidge facility. After attending Cornell University, he returned to the family farm where he and his wife raised their three daughters. Two decades ago, Skip joined the New York Farm Bureau as a Field Advisor in the Finger Lakes Region working with county agricultural leaders in many of the local Finger Lakes counties.

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