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## ***Yates County Farm Bureau Adopts Resolution Supporting Greenidge Generation***

**Organization Representing Hundreds of Family Farmers in Company's Home County Applauds  
Greenidge for 'Significant Environmental Stewardship' and 'Economic Impact'**

**Joins IBEW, the Yates County Legislature and Businesses Across Finger Lakes  
Urging State to Renew Greenidge Title V Air Permit**

Dresden, NY -- At its recent Annual Meeting, the Yates County Farm Bureau unanimously adopted a resolution in support of Greenidge Generation, the vertically integrated power generation and bitcoin mining facility located in Dresden.

The resolution states: ***"Yates County Farm Bureau strongly supports Greenidge Generation LLC and applauds its significant environmental stewardship, production of needed electrical generation and positive economic impact creating jobs and significant investment in the infrastructure for the Finger Lakes Region."***

"The Yates County Farm Bureau is a grassroots organization that represents a large percentage of the families who operate a variety of farming operations, agri-tourism and related businesses here. This support represents a broad base of the Yates County area community, which is heavily dependent on the agriculture and tourism economies," said Yates County Farm Bureau President Larry Lewis.

Greenidge's air permit application is also strongly supported by The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 840.

"While there has been a great deal of noise about Greenidge lately, there should be no ambiguity about where our loyalty falls at the IBEW; we stand with Greenidge because we know their record," said IBEW Local 840 Business Manager Mike Davis. "Greenidge is not seeking to increase their power generation capacity. What they are doing -- with our help -- is creating the high-tech jobs of the future right here in Upstate New York. We encourage the Department to swiftly complete its work and issue a Final Title V Air Permit for Greenidge."

Yates County Farm Bureau, which represents approximately 300 member farm families located in Yates County, held its Annual Meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup>. The organization gives farmers and non-farmers alike a chance to advance issues and organizations that support and enrich agriculture. It provides an opportunity for individuals interested in the food system, land issues and rural living to join together and make their voices heard.

Greenidge Generation is an upstate success story, having spent years building an unequivocal record of environmental stewardship in the Finger Lakes. The company eliminated coal forever, complies fully with strict new air and water permits issued by the State of New York, protects aquatic life and, earlier this year, launched what is believed to be the nation's first 100 percent carbon-neutral cryptocurrency mining operation.

In a letter submitted to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation expressing his “full support” for renewal of Greenidge’s existing permit, Farm Bureau President Lewis said:

*“The intent of this letter today is to showcase my support in renewing the Title IV and Title V Air Permits for Greenidge Generation LLC located in Dresden, NY. As a longtime resident of the local community and an organic grain farmer, I am proud to be supportive of a local business contributing to our community. Agriculture is important to our local community and as a farmer, I believe in serving our community to ensure the future of agriculture. I have spent many years serving on the Yates County Soil & Water Conservation District Board, many of which was spent as Chairman. I have also served as a Town Councilman and was recently elected as Town Supervisor. Another key role that I’ve been honored to have is as the Yates County Farm Bureau President. Combine these experiences with the belief that I have in local agricultural businesses are why I believe in the work that Greenidge does every day.”*

**A full copy of Farm Bureau President Lewis’ letter is also at the bottom of this press release.**

**On October 12, 2021, the Yates County Legislature unanimously passed a resolution in support of Greenidge, available [here](#) on page 23 and the full text of the resolution reads:**

WHEREAS, Greenidge Generation LLC (Greenidge) provides needed electrical generation to the public and has made a significant investment in the Finger Lakes Region; and

WHEREAS, Greenidge has created and filled forty five (45) high paying jobs in Yates County and contributes a significant amount of tax revenue to Yates County; the 2020 average wage at Greenidge was \$77,565; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and the United States Environmental Protection Agency carefully and thoroughly reviewed potential impacts of renewed generation and determined there would be no significant environmental impacts in the generating plant operating full time at 106 Megawatts electricity produced; and

WHEREAS, Greenidge acquired the idled coal fired plant which had been in place in the Town of Torrey since 1937, and converted it to a clean, natural gas fired generating plant and resumed operations in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Greenidge operates the plant in full compliance with existing air and water permits issued by NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and Greenidge's cryptocurrency mining operation onsite is a 100% carbon neutral operation; and

WHEREAS, since resuming operation in 2017 Greenidge has made a significant contribution to the economy of Yates County. The growing tax payments to the Town of Torrey, Penn Yan Central School, and Yates County significantly offset real property taxes. Directly due to its data processing center, local tax payments increased in 2020 by almost \$300,000 and are anticipated to increase significantly in further years; and

WHEREAS, a recent study by Appleseed Inc. stated that "we estimate Greenidge's combined operations and capital investments in 2020 directly and indirectly supported 108 jobs in NY with total earnings of nearly \$8.4 million and nearly \$16.8 million in statewide impact;" and

WHEREAS, in 2020, during the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic, Greenidge supported over 80 businesses in NY. As a result of environmental leadership and positive economic impact, there is widespread support for Greenidge. Several large employers have publicly supported Greenidge including O'Connell Electric, City Hill Construction, and Hunt Engineers. In addition there is solid support from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), whose workers are partnering with Greenidge onsite in Dresden;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yates County Legislature supports Greenidge Generation LLC and is in favor of renewing the Title V air permits; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be given to Governor Hochul, Commissioner of NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Seggos, NYS Senator Tom O'Mara, NYS Assemblyman Phil Palmesano, US Senator Charles Schumer, US Senator Kirsten Gillebrand, US Congressman Tom Reed, the NY State Association of Counties and any other person/entity deemed necessary.

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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
Division of Environmental Permits  
Bureau of Energy Project Management  
625 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12233-1750

November 4, 2021

Dear Mr. Chris Hogan,  
The intent of this letter today is to showcase my support in renewing the Title IV and Title V Air Permits for Greenidge Generation LLC located in Dresden, NY. As a longtime resident of the local

community and an organic grain farmer, I am proud to be supportive of a local business contributing to our community. Agriculture is important to our local community and as a farmer, I believe in serving our community to ensure the future of agriculture. I have spent many years serving on the Yates County Soil & Water Conservation District Board, many of which was spent as Chairman. I have also served as a Town Councilman and was recently elected as Town Supervisor. Another key role that I've been honored to have is as the Yates County Farm Bureau President. Combine these experiences with the belief that I have in local agricultural businesses are why I believe in the work that Greenidge does every day.

Greenidge is a local business that, in 2014, acquired an idled coal-fired plant, which had been in place and operational in Yates County since 1937. Upon acquiring this plant, the team converted it to a clean, natural gas fired plant and resumed operations to generate electricity for the NYSEG power grid. In 2016, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency determined that there would be no significant environmental impacts in operating full time (24/7) at up to the 106 Megawatt of electricity level.

Water quality and safety are important to the residents of the Finger Lakes, including the business owners of Greenidge. Greenidge has taken several steps to protect the aquatic life of Seneca Lake and is currently undertaking a thermal study which has been approved by and is under the direction of the NYSDEC. This facility has numerous goals for the future including voluntarily taking steps to be completely carbon neutral, ensuring their positive, proactive approach to caring for the environment remains a top priority. Not only does Greenidge care for water and environmental life, but they are also a strong business within the local community. As a local business, they contribute as a tax payer to their local town of Torrey, Yates County, and the Penn Yan Central School District.

Greenidge currently operates its power facility in full compliance with existing air and water permits issued by the State of New York. Recently at the 2021 Yates County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting, the Farm Bureau members unanimously voted to adopt a resolution in support of Greenidge. The resolution states, "We (the members) support Greenidge Generation LLC and applaud its significant environmental stewardship, production of needed electric generation and positive economic impact creating jobs and significant investment in the infrastructure for the Finger Lakes Region. Greenidge also contributes a significant amount of tax dollars to the Penn Yan School System, the Town of Torrey, and Yates County." For these reasons listed above, I am in full support of New York State renewing the Title IV and Title V Air Permits for Greenidge Generation LLC.

Thank you,

Larry Lewis