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Chamberlain and Jensen to advise Greenidge

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Former Editor of The Chronicle-Express and The Observer, and retired New York Farm Bureau Agent join the Greenidge Community Advisory Group.

DRESDEN – Greenidge Generation has announced the appointments of Gwen Chamberlain and Skip Jensen as new members of its recently-formed Advisory Group. They will partner with the company and Greenidge Advisory Group Chair, former Yates County Legislature Chairman Dr. Tim Dennis, “in identifying new ways to help Greenidge build upon its record of protecting Seneca Lake, strengthening its workforce, and advancing the region’s economy.”

Dale Irwin, CEO of Greenidge Generation, says, “Gwen and Skip are each distinguished in their chosen fields and recognized leaders in environmental, community and agricultural stewardship across the Finger Lakes. As lifelong residents of this area, they know us and know our commitment to this region. They have seen firsthand the transformation we have brought about at Greenidge, having turned an old coal-fired plant into a viable, environmentally-sound business with an amazing future. We are honored that Gwen and Skip are now part of our team. Working with Chairman Tim Dennis, their input and engagement will be invaluable in helping Greenidge continue to be a beneficial part of the Finger Lakes for months and years to come,” Irwin added.

Gwen 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. She and her husband live in Dundee and they enjoy spending time at the family cottage near Long Point with their two sons and their families.

“As the former president of the Friends of the Outlet, I have been interested in the positive changes made at Greenidge over the past five years, especially since I can remember watching trains with hundreds of coal cars rumble through our farmland. I am impressed by the leadership and team at Greenidge and look forward to helping them identify new opportunities to strengthen its partnerships with the community locally and around Seneca Lake,” said Chamberlain.

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 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. His work at the Farm Bureau was instrumental on a range of critical issues, including Right-To-Farm, animal care, taxes, and assessment of agricultural land.

“Several years ago, when Greenidge resumed operations without running on coal, I believed that good-paying jobs would be created there, and that the facility would be protective of the environment thanks to tough new air and water permits. I am so pleased that is exactly what has occurred,” said Jensen. “As a retired dairy farmer and lifelong community resident, I support thriving, innovative businesses like Greenidge in the Finger Lakes region. I believe that Greenidge is doing it right and I am honored to work with Tim and Gwen and the whole Greenidge team.”