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REMINDER: Tonight 10/4 7:00 pm: Get prepped for the public hearing on Greenidge

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Dear Friends,

TONIGHT: Monday, October 4 at 7:00 pm, Let us help you prepare to speak at the DEC Public Hearing on Greenidge's Title V Air Permit Renewal!

Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter, Seneca Lake Guardian, Food & Water Watch and Earthjustice are hosting a webinar, the Climate Consequences of Crypto-Currency: Speaking Out Against the Greenridge Fracked Gas Power Plant. **This webinar will provide tips and tools for you to testify at the Virtual DEC public hearing on October 13th, 2021. (We also encourage you to sign up to speak at the October 13th Hearing in advance.** That link, along with additional information, is provided at the bottom of this email.)

[Please fill out this form to attend!](#) A zoom link will be shared with registrants prior to the event.

Join us to learn how we can stop the Greenidge facility from expanding its bitcoin operation on Seneca Lake, and how to fight back against the expansion of proof-of-work cryptocurrency mining in New York State.

Proof-of-Work cryptocurrency mining uses enormous amounts of energy to power the computers needed to conduct business – should this activity expand in New York, it could drastically undermine New York's climate goals established under the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. According to research from the New York Times, globally, Bitcoin mining consumes more electricity than the entire country of Ireland, which is almost 0.5% of all electricity consumption worldwide.

The Greenidge Facility is the first test for New York when it comes to addressing cryptocurrency mining and how it would impact the state's climate goals.

We hope to see you there!

We encourage you to also **sign up to speak at the DEC Hearing on October 13th as soon as possible.**
(Tonight's webinar will get you prepped for this!)

Virtual Legislative Public Comment Hearings

Virtual public comment hearing sessions will be conducted electronically before ALJ Lara Olivieri through the Webex Events electronic webinar platform. **The virtual sessions will begin at 1:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. on October 13, 2021.**

Instructions for Attending the Legislative Public Comment Hearing:

To join the 1:00pm hearing through the internet, visit www.webex.com and click "Join a meeting."

- Event Number: 179 591 7541
- Password: Oct13-1PM

To join by phone only:

- Dial: 1-518-549-0500
- Access Code: 179 255 2522

To join the 6:00pm hearing through the internet, visit www.webex.com and click "Join a meeting."

- Event Number: 179 255 2522
- Password: Oct13-6PM

To join by phone only:

- Dial: 1-518-549-0500
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Persons wishing to comment on the draft permit will have the opportunity to make a statement at the public comment hearing webinar. Any person wishing to provide a public statement must **register in advance of the hearing no later than 10:00 A.M. on Friday October 8, 2021.** Any person who wishes only to observe the webinar online must also register. Any person may listen to the hearing by phone without pre-registration.

To register electronically: All persons who will login to the hearing electronically must register. To register, visit <http://www.webex.com>, click "Join a meeting," input the event number listed above, click "Register," and fill in the requested information. You will be asked whether you wish to make a public statement or not. After registration is complete, you will receive a confirmation by email with information about how to join the hearing.

To register by telephone: Any person who is not able to login electronically may participate by telephone. Call-in participants must register to speak in advance by calling the Department at 518-402-9003 no later than 10:00 A.M. on Friday, October 8, 2021. Please provide your first and last name, address, email address if any, and telephone number and reference the Greenidge Generation public comment hearing.

All participants will be muted upon entry into the hearing. The ALJ will call each person who has requested to provide a statement to speak. The ALJ will continue the hearing until everyone wishing to speak has been

heard or other reasonable arrangements have been made to include their comments in the record. The ALJ may limit the time available for oral comments to 3 minutes per person, as necessary to afford all participants an opportunity to be heard. We also recommend that lengthy comments be summarized for oral presentation and submitted in writing as provided above. The hearing will be recorded for inclusion in the record.

Persons who wish to receive the instructions by mail or telephone may contact the NYSDEC Office of Hearings and Mediation Services by telephone at (518) 402-9003 or by email to ohms@dec.ny.gov. Please provide your first and last name, address, and telephone number and reference the Greenidge public comment hearing.

Thank you! Together, we can protect the region for generations to come.

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Seneca Lake Guardian, A Waterkeeper Affiliate

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