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Marc Gerstman  
Acting Commissioner  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
625 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12233-0001

Dear Acting Commissioner Gerstman,

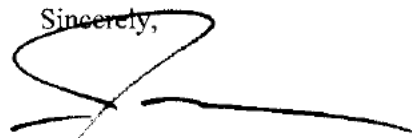
I support activation of the Greenidge Power Plant from its status in temporary layup. This plant will add capacity to the electric grid, be powered with clean-burning natural gas and support the local economy. I urge you to approve the Title V Permit to return the Greenidge Power Plant to full operation.

As you are aware, the Greenidge Power Plant has the support of members of the local community in Yates County including businesses, property owners and public officials. I am pleased to join such wide ranging support in the community for the plant and the benefits it will bring to the region. The local tax base and services offered by local government will benefit, including support for schools and emergency responders.

In addition to the community benefits, the plant will be immediately transitioned from using coal as a fuel source to a mix of fuels, predominantly natural gas and biomass. The movement towards natural gas fired generation at the facility acknowledges how important natural gas is to our region's energy make up. The benefits from natural gas are clear: it is among the cleanest and most effective forms of power generation, provides flexibility for electricity delivery and is a plentiful and low cost option for our region's energy needs.

As you consider public comment for the Title V Permit for the Greenidge Power Plant I encourage you to consider the benefits that activating the plant will have for the region. Should you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me or Drew Wayne on my staff at [drew.wayne@mail.house.gov](mailto:drew.wayne@mail.house.gov) or 202-225-3161. I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Tom Reed  
Member of Congress