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# **Greenidge Wins Water Permit Case**

## Lawsuit from Seneca Lake Guardian, Earthjustice and Sierra Club Dismissed in Federal Court, Noting Opponents "Failure to State a Claim"

### **Opponents have Lost All Six Rulings in Their Lawsuits**

**DRESDEN, NY** – Greenidge Generation Holdings Inc. (NASDAQ: GREE) ("Greenidge"), a vertically integrated cryptocurrency datacenter and power generation company, responded to the dismissal of a lawsuit filed by Earthjustice on behalf of Seneca Lake Guardian, Committee to Preserve the Finger Lakes and the Sierra Club regarding Greenidge's water discharge permit.

In the first and only ruling in the case, Judge Elizabeth Wolford of U.S. District Court, Western District of New York dismissed the case for "failure to state a claim." In her ruling, Judge Wolford detailed how State requirements govern the sufficiency of Greenidge's renewal application and how the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation had found Greenidge's application to renew its water discharge permit timely and sufficient. The ruling can be found <u>here</u>.

The case marks the fourth time opponents have sued Greenidge in state or federal court since 2016, and opponents have lost **all six** rulings in the cases and related appeals. The details of all legal actions are below.

"We've said it before — how many times are we going to do, literally, this exact same thing? They've lost every lawsuit and appeal they've filed over seven years — 0-6," said Greenidge Generation President Dale Irwin. "You can write the script in advance: file a superficial lawsuit, get some media attention, and then lose in court because you have no grounds. They don't file lawsuits, they issue press releases dressed up as lawsuits and simply waste the courts' and taxpayers' time and money.

"Just this year, we <u>completed a \$6 million advanced fish screen system</u>, meeting all state and federal requirements, to protect aquatic life in Seneca Lake. We are all locals here, and most of us, like me, grew up with this lake as central to our lives, and we care deeply about the health of Seneca Lake. After 80 years of this facility taking in water from different owners, we were thrilled to be the company to add this protection and deliver on a promise we made when we first decided to invest in Yates County. "Efforts like this latest failed lawsuit are why nobody in the Finger Lakes listens to these gadflies anymore; they have zero credibility."

### History of Failed Legal Actions Filed by Greenidge Opponents, including Appeal Actions:

- Opponents sued to challenge NYSDEC's issuance of a new, Title V Air Permit to Greenidge in 2016. They lost their legal challenge before the Yates County Supreme Court.
  - Opponents then appealed the denial of that challenge to Greenidge's 2016 air permit to the New York State Supreme Court Appellate Division, Fourth Department – lost appeal.
  - Opponents tried to appeal again regarding the 2016 air permit, filing a motion to reargue the case, after losing in the Appellate Division, and conduct an appeal in front of the New York State Court of Appeals – the motion was denied.
- Opponents sued to challenge NYSDEC's issuance of the State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (SPDES) renewal issued to Greenidge for water discharges in 2016. They lost their legal challenge before the Yates County Supreme Court.
  - Opponents filed a notice seeking to appeal the denial of their challenge to Greenidge's SPDES water permit to the Appellate Division, Fourth Department – subsequently dropped their appeal.
- Opponents sued to challenge the Town of Torrey Planning Board approval for construction work at Greenidge's New York facility. They lost their legal challenge before the Yates County Supreme Court.
  - Opponents filed a notice seeking to appeal the denial of their challenge to the Town's approval of construction work at the facility to the Appellate Division, Fourth Department – subsequently dropped their appeal.
- Opponents sued, in 2023, to challenge Greenidge's right to utilize its active State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit to discharge water. They lost their legal challenge before the U.S. District Court, Western District of New York.

#### About Greenidge Generation Holdings Inc.

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