

CYBERMINING FACILITIES IN ARKANSAS

May, 2023

LOCATION	OWNER / LESSEE / TERM	SIZE / ENERGY USE	LOCAL OK? / BENEFITS
Greenbrier (Faulkner County)	Property Owner: Unavailable Cryptic Farms (lessee?) Crypticfarms.com Term: Unavailable	Size: Unavailable Energy Use: Unavailable	Unavailable
Harrison (Boone County)	Property Owner: Old Bellefonte Road Green Digital (purchased via Boone County AR Economic Development Commission website) At the sale in July, 2022, name was MetaHash (MetaHash website returned a fraud error), which is now Green Digital Term: N/A	Size: 17 containers / 500 servers running 24/7 on 5-10 acres; anticipated 4-5 employees at \$75,000-\$100,000/yr (from MetaHash info in July, 2022) Energy Use: 10 megawatts/day; Entergy substation will support (from MetaHash info in July, 2022)	Benefit: New taxes for Boone County could be greater than \$300,000/yr (sales tax on the power they buy from Entergy) VIDEO of Harrison Planning Commission meeting in April: https://www.ky3.com/video/2023/04/25/proposed-crypto-mining-facility-harrison-ark-upsets-some-neighbors/ Opposition: Boone County Quorum Court committee approved a Resolution asking for repeal or modification for Act 819 “which provides sales and use tax exemptions for data centers, and Act 851 which creates the Arkansas Data Centers Act of 2023; and respectfully requests immediate action be taken by our state government.” (Arkansas Legislature)

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Little Rock (Pulaski County)	Property Owner: Unavailable 3300 S. Woodrow St. Lessee: Green Digital 3300 S. Woodrow St King Crypto Mining (?) Term: Unavailable	Size: Unavailable Energy Use: Entergy supplies electricity	Unavailable
Malvern (Hot Spring County)	Property Owner: Unavailable Lessee: Cryptic Farms Term: Unavailable	Size: Unavailable Energy Use: Unavailable	Unavailable
Morrilton (Conway County)	Property Owner: Elmwood Cemetery Lessee: United BitEngine (began June, 2022) Term: Unavailable	Size: Unavailable Energy Use: Entergy supplies electricity; location is across from an Entergy substation on Hwy. 113	Did the facility go through planning commission scrutiny or city council approval? Mayor Allen Lipsmeyer said it's a "million-dollar investment" (for whom, since it appears to be leased?) "The benefit for the city is the use of power ... will increase our franchise fees, which we'll in turn invest back in the city" he said. The facility's substantial use of power "will not affect the power supply to other customers" ... https://www.kvom.com/news-sports-headlines/bitcoin-mining-facility-coming-to-morrilton

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Mountain Pine (Garland County)	Property Owner: Unavailable Lessee: Cryptic Farms Term: Unavailable	Size: Unavailable Energy Use: Unavailable	Unavailable
Newport (Jackson County)	Property Owner: Unavailable Lessees: * GMI Computing (based in Taiwan with other operations in OK, KY, GA, AZ - not registered with the Arkansas Secretary of State) 2 - United BitEngine 3 - Juice Tech (not registered with Arkansas Secretary of State) Term: Unavailable	Size: Unavailable Energy Use: Entergy supplies electricity for all 3 lessees	Plans to open in late 2022 / early 2023
Russellville (Pope County)	Property Owner: Unavailable Lessee: Cryptic Farms Term: Unavailable	Size: Unavailable Energy Use: Unavailable	Unavailable
Vilonia (Faulkner County)	Property Owner: Unavailable Energy Way Road Lessee: ViLoAr, LLC (Delaware corporation search shows it exists, but details are blocked view) Term: Unavailable	Size: 15 units (what is a unit?) Energy Use: Entergy Substation next door	Vilonia Planning Commission (March, 2023) Vilonia City Council (April 16, 2023)

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Walnut Ridge (Lawrence County)	Property Owner: Unavailable Lessees: * GMI Computing (based in Taiwan with other opns in OK, KY, GA, AZ - not registered with the Arkansas Secretary of State) 2 - United BitEngine 3 - Juice Tech (not registered with Arkansas Secretary of State) Term: Unavailable	Size: Unavailable Energy Use: Entergy supplies electricity	City Council (?) July 2022 (?)
Wooster (Faulkner County)	Property Owner: Unavailable Lessee: Unavailable Term: Unavailable	Size: Unavailable Energy Use: Unavailable	“Informational” meeting at Faulkner County Quorum Court, Courts & Public Safety Committee 04/22/23. No action taken or considered due to Act 851.

** “Unavailable” means that extensive Internet searches show no results.

** At least 3 lessees are operating multiple locations:

CRYPTIC FARMS: Greenbrier, Malvern, Mountain Pine, Russellville

BITENGINE: Morrilton, Newport

JUICE TECH: Little Rock, Newport, Walnut Ridge

** The 3 Newport companies (all Asian-owned) “do not mine bitcoin on their own account; they sell their powerful data-crunching services to crypto mining clients. The services have been growing in the United States since mainland China essentially banned crypto mining {in 2021}, ostensibly for excessive electricity use and environmental harm, objections that the industry faces worldwide.”

<https://www.arkansasbusiness.com/article/141219/bitcoin-hubs-bask-in-entergys-glow>