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## **Cryptocurrency Mine/Noise:** EarthJustice Files Judicial Action Against Granbury, Texas Operation Alleging Private Nuisance

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EarthJustice filed the following document on behalf of Citizens Concerned about Wolf Hollow ("Citizens Concerned") in the District Court for Hood County, Texas against Marathon Digital Holdings, Inc. ("Marathon"):

Verified Petition, Application for Permanent Injunction, and Request for Disclosure ("Petition").

The Petition addresses what is described as a "Cryptomine" in Granbury, Texas.

The Cryptomine is stated to be comprised of numerous "pods" or "rigs" encasing highly powerful computers that are continually engaged in the process of cryptocurrency mining...

The document further states that the cryptomining involves:

...an extremely energy demanding process whereby whereby specialized computers solve highly complex mathematical puzzles and equations to validate transactions on a blockchain or a digital ledger network, in return for digital currency.

The computing processes are stated to generate a significant amount of heat which requires a cooling system comprised of large industrial fans. The industrial fans along with the rigs are stated to be sited in an open dirt field.

Citizens Concerned is stated to be an association which includes more than two dozen individual members who are residents of Granbury and share/are experiencing:

...extreme annoyance, personal discomfort, discontentment, inconvenience, and are emotionally and physically harmed by the noise from Marathon's so called MARA Data Center on an almost daily and nightly basis.

The Petition argues that the noise and vibrations constitute a private nuisance because the referenced operations have the effect of substantially interfering with Concerned Citizens' use and enjoyment of their respective pieces of property.

A copy of the Petition can be downloaded <u>here</u>.



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