

Green Tree energy producer plans Nasdaq listing

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A Pittsburgh-based renewable energy company will next year become the region's newest public company.

Montauk Holdings Ltd., the parent company of Montauk Energy, is working to become listed on the Nasdaq stock exchange by April 2019. Montauk Holdings is already publicly listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange in South Africa, where many of the company's board of directors were located. Montauk was sold by Duquesne Light in 2007.

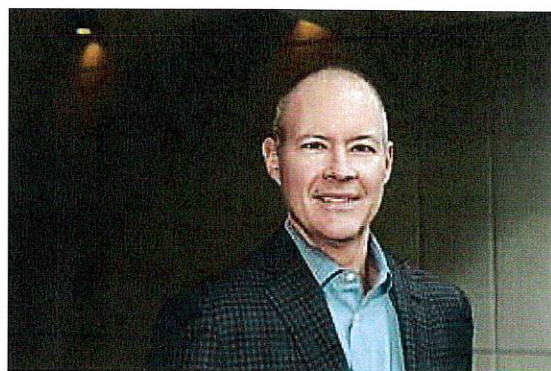
But Montauk has been based in the Pittsburgh region, its assets are in the lower 48 states and its employees are based in the U.S. Its headquarters is in Foster Plaza in Green Tree.

"It makes perfect sense strategically and operationally," said CEO Marty Ryan.

Montauk isn't going the traditional initial public offering route to the public listing. Instead, it will be a direct listing on the Nasdaq. There won't be a capital raise and Montauk won't be issuing shares. There also won't be a bank underwriting the offering or setting a price. Instead, current shareholders will get a one JSE to one Nasdaq share exchange. It's likely some current shareholders will likely monetize their investment.

The most recent notable company to go the direct-listing route was online music service Spotify.

Montauk already adheres to public company regulations in South Africa, releasing earnings every six months, interim and annual, with a March 31 end to its fiscal year. That will move to



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Marty Ryan was appointed president and CEO of Green Tree-based Montauk Energy LLC last May.

quarterly in line with SEC rules and they will hold calls. Montauk had \$109 million in annual revenue in the fiscal year ended March 31, up from \$89 million in the previous fiscal year.

The impending move to the Nasdaq is one of many things happening at Montauk. It took additional 3,500 square feet at Foster Plaza, and it now has about 11,000 square feet. It has 110 employees and Ryan said it's actively recruiting at least 20 more. Montauk has four projects signed and announced that will be online and commercially operating by the end of 2019 and early 2020.

Montauk recovers pipeline quality natural gas from landfills and has electric power generation projects across the country.

In other news, Montauk Energy acquired Pico Energy LLC for \$13 million. Among the assets acquired are a manure digester and electric generation facility in Bettencourt B6 Dairy in Jerome, Idaho. It will also build a biogas refining facility to convert the gas from the digester into natural gas vehicle fuel.

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