

PROVING THE POWER: HOW A SOUTH TEXAS GAS-WELL PILOT BECAME AZIO'S FOUNDATION

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Most AI infrastructure stories start with chips. Azio's starts with a gas well in South Texas.

In March 2026, Envirotech Vehicles, Inc. (then NASDAQ: EVTV), the company now known as Azio AI Holdings, placed an order with Azio AI for approximately 3 megawatts of modular digital infrastructure for an energy-integrated data center pilot at its South Texas site. The plan was deliberately cautious. The company paired containerized, liquid-cooled computing modules with on-site power generated from well gas, then collected real operating data on energy efficiency, reliability and scalability before committing to anything larger. On March 12, the company reported that the first infrastructure at the site had been energized as part of a phased commissioning process.

The pilot ran ASIC-based computing systems as a live workload. This let the team test the site's power stability, thermal management and networking under real conditions instead of on a spreadsheet.

By late May, the data supported a bigger step. On May 26, 2026, the company said it had ordered approximately 6 MW of modular Bitcoin mining container infrastructure, 638 high-performance miners in total. It added that, based on on-site operating data, management estimated power costs of approximately \$0.03 per kilowatt-hour from behind-the-meter natural gas generation. A week later, on June 2, the company reported approximately 6 MW of digital infrastructure operational, with more deployment phases underway.

Elgin Tracy oversees infrastructure deployment strategy and operational scaling and now serves as Chief Operating Officer of Azio AI Holdings. He summed up the thinking behind the approach:

“Everyone is talking about artificial intelligence — but AI does not run without power, land, and connectivity, and those are the assets we are securing.” — Elgin Tracy, then President of Envirotech Vehicles [Quote from press release, June 2, 2026]

That sequence of energize, measure, then scale became the operating template for what followed, including the Atlas One campus Azio announced in August.

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