

Voluntary Petition <i>(This page must be completed and filed in every case.)</i>		Name of Debtor(s): Aventine Renewable Energy Holdings, Inc.	
All Prior Bankruptcy Cases Filed Within Last 8 Years (If more than two, attach additional sheet.)			
Location Where Filed: n/a	Case Number: n/a	Date Filed: n/a	
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Pending Bankruptcy Case Filed by any Spouse, Partner, or Affiliate of this Debtor (If more than one, attach additional sheet.)			
Name of Debtor: See Attachment 1		Case Number: Not yet assigned	Date Filed:
District: District of Delaware		Relationship: Affiliates	Judge: Not yet assigned
<p style="text-align: center;">Exhibit A</p> <p>(To be completed if debtor is required to file periodic reports (e.g., forms 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is requesting relief under chapter 11.)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A is attached and made a part of this petition.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Exhibit B</p> <p>(To be completed if debtor is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts.)</p> <p>I, the attorney for the petitioner named in the foregoing petition, declare that I have informed the petitioner that [he or she] may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each such chapter. I further certify that I have delivered to the debtor the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b).</p> <p>X _____ Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s) (Date)</p>	
Exhibit C			
Does the debtor own or have possession of any property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable harm to public health or safety?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, and Exhibit C is attached and made a part of this petition.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No.			
Exhibit D			
(To be completed by every individual debtor. If a joint petition is filed, each spouse must complete and attach a separate Exhibit D.)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit D completed and signed by the debtor is attached and made a part of this petition.			
If this is a joint petition:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit D also completed and signed by the joint debtor is attached and made a part of this petition.			
Information Regarding the Debtor - Venue (Check any applicable box.)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor has been domiciled or has had a residence, principal place of business, or principal assets in this District for 180 days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other District.			
<input type="checkbox"/> There is a bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner, or partnership pending in this District.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is a debtor in a foreign proceeding and has its principal place of business or principal assets in the United States in this District, or has no principal place of business or assets in the United States but is a defendant in an action or proceeding [in a federal or state court] in this District, or the interests of the parties will be served in regard to the relief sought in this District.			
Certification by a Debtor Who Resides as a Tenant of Residential Property (Check all applicable boxes.)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Landlord has a judgment against the debtor for possession of debtor's residence. (If box checked, complete the following.)			

(Name of landlord that obtained judgment)			

(Address of landlord)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Debtor claims that under applicable nonbankruptcy law, there are circumstances under which the debtor would be permitted to cure the entire monetary default that gave rise to the judgment for possession, after the judgment for possession was entered, and			
<input type="checkbox"/> Debtor has included with this petition the deposit with the court of any rent that would become due during the 30-day period after the filing of the petition.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Debtor certifies that he/she has served the Landlord with this certification. (11 U.S.C. § 362(l)).			

Voluntary Petition

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Name of Debtor(s):

Aventine Renewable Energy Holdings, Inc.

Signatures

Signature(s) of Debtor(s) (Individual/Joint)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct.

[If petitioner is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts and has chosen to file under chapter 7] I am aware that I may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12 or 13 of title 11, United States Code, understand the relief available under each such chapter, and choose to proceed under chapter 7.

[If no attorney represents me and no bankruptcy petition preparer signs the petition] I have obtained and read the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b).

I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

X _____
Signature of Debtor

X _____
Signature of Joint Debtor

Telephone Number (if not represented by attorney)

Date

Signature of a Foreign Representative

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, that I am the foreign representative of a debtor in a foreign proceeding, and that I am authorized to file this petition.

(Check only **one** box.)

I request relief in accordance with chapter 15 of title 11, United States Code. Certified copies of the documents required by 11 U.S.C. § 1515 are attached.

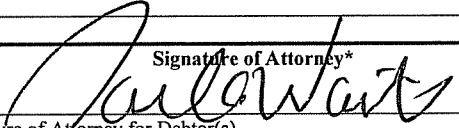
Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1511, I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11 specified in this petition. A certified copy of the order granting recognition of the foreign main proceeding is attached.

X _____
(Signature of Foreign Representative)

(Printed Name of Foreign Representative)

Date

Signature of Attorney*

X 
Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s)
James L. Patton, Jr. (No. 2202) Joel A. Waite (No. 2925)

Printed Name of Attorney for Debtor(s)
Young Conway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP

Firm Name
The Brandywine Building, 1000 West St.

Address **17th Floor, Wilmington, DE 19801**

(302) 571-6600

Telephone Number

4/7/09

Date

*In a case in which § 707(b)(4)(D) applies, this signature also constitutes a certification that the attorney has no knowledge after an inquiry that the information in the schedules is incorrect.

Signature of Non-Attorney Bankruptcy Petition Preparer

I declare under penalty of perjury that: (1) I am a bankruptcy petition preparer as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 110; (2) I prepared this document for compensation and have provided the debtor with a copy of this document and the notices and information required under 11 U.S.C. §§ 110(b), 110(h), and 342(b); and, (3) if rules or guidelines have been promulgated pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 110(h) setting a maximum fee for services chargeable by bankruptcy petition preparers, I have given the debtor notice of the maximum amount before preparing any document for filing for a debtor or accepting any fee from the debtor, as required in that section. Official Form 19 is attached.

Printed Name and title, if any, of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer

Social-Security number (If the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual, state the Social-Security number of the officer, principal, responsible person or partner of the bankruptcy petition preparer.) (Required by 11 U.S.C. § 110.)

Address

X _____

Date

Signature of bankruptcy petition preparer or officer, principal, responsible person, or partner whose Social-Security number is provided above.

Names and Social-Security numbers of all other individuals who prepared or assisted in preparing this document unless the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual.

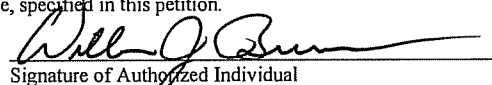
If more than one person prepared this document, attach additional sheets conforming to the appropriate official form for each person.

A bankruptcy petition preparer's failure to comply with the provisions of title 11 and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure may result in fines or imprisonment or both. 11 U.S.C. § 110; 18 U.S.C. § 156.

Signature of Debtor (Corporation/Partnership)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, and that I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor.

The debtor requests the relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

X 
Signature of Authorized Individual

William J. Brennan

Printed Name of Authorized Individual

Chief Accounting and Compliance Officer

Title of Authorized Individual

4/7/09

Date

Exhibit "A" to Voluntary Petition of Aventine Renewable Energy Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries

1. The Debtor's equity securities are registered under Section 12(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The SEC file number is: **001-32922**.

2. The following financial data is the latest available information and refers to the debtor's condition as listed in the company's 10Q dated December 31, 2008 (except with respect to the information under number 4 below).¹

a. Total consolidated assets: \$799,459,000

b. Total consolidated debts (including debts listed in 2.c., below): \$490,663,000

c. Debt securities held by more than 500 holders.*				Approximate number of holders
secured <input type="checkbox"/>	unsecured <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	subordinated <input type="checkbox"/>	\$300,000,000 principal amount of Senior Unsecured 10% Notes due April 2017	<u>unknown</u>
secured <input type="checkbox"/>	unsecured <input type="checkbox"/>	subordinated <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
secured <input type="checkbox"/>	unsecured <input type="checkbox"/>	subordinated <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
secured <input type="checkbox"/>	unsecured <input type="checkbox"/>	subordinated <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
secured <input type="checkbox"/>	unsecured <input type="checkbox"/>	subordinated <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
secured <input type="checkbox"/>	unsecured <input type="checkbox"/>	subordinated <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
d. Number of shares of preferred stock			<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
e. Number of shares common stock			<u>42,970,988</u>	<u>unknown</u>

Comments, if any: _____

3. Brief description of debtor's business: A leading producer and marketer of ethanol in the United States.

4. List the names of any person who directly or indirectly owns, controls, or holds, with power to vote, 5% or more of the voting securities of debtor:

Aventine Renewable Energy Holdings, LLC (27.5% as of December 31, 2008)
Barclays Global Investors, NA. (7.46% as of December 31, 2008) and Barclays Global Fund Advisors (1.74% as of December 31, 2008)
The Vanguard Group, Inc. (5.22% as of December 31, 2008)

¹ Assets and debts are reported on a consolidated basis for the Debtor and all of its direct and indirect subsidiaries, based on its consolidated third quarter balance sheet, as of December 31, 2008.

Attachment 1

List of Filing Entities

Aventine Renewable Energy Holdings, Inc.
Aventine Renewable Energy, Inc.
Aventine Renewable Energy, LLC
Aventine Renewable Energy – Aurora West, LLC
Aventine Renewable Energy – Mt Vernon, LLC
Aventine Power, LLC
Nebraska Energy, L.L.C.

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:

**AVENTINE RENEWABLE ENERGY
HOLDINGS, INC.**, a Delaware Corporation, *et al.*,

Debtors.¹

Chapter 11

Case No. 09-____ ()

(Joint Administration Pending)

**CONSOLIDATED LIST OF CREDITORS HOLDING THE
THIRTY LARGEST UNSECURED CLAIMS AGAINST THE DEBTORS**

The above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (each a “**Debtor**” and collectively, the “**Debtors**”) filed voluntary petitions in this Court for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§101 *et seq.* (the “**Bankruptcy Code**”). This list of creditors holding the thirty (30) largest unsecured claims (the “**List of Creditors**”) has been prepared, on a consolidated basis, from the Debtors’ books and records as of April 3, 2009.

The List of Creditors was prepared in accordance with Rule 1007(d) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure for filing in the Debtors’ chapter 11 cases. The List of Creditors does not include: (1) persons who come within the definition of an “insider” set forth in section 101(31) of the Bankruptcy Code or (2) secured creditors, unless the value of the collateral is such that the unsecured deficiency places the creditor among the holders of the thirty (30) largest unsecured claims.

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, are: Aventine Renewable Energy Holdings, Inc. (9368), Aventine Renewable Energy, LLC (0195), Aventine Renewable Energy, Inc. (8352), Aventine Renewable Energy – Aurora West, LLC (9285), Aventine Renewable Energy – Mt Vernon, LLC (8144), Aventine Power, LLC (9343), and Nebraska Energy, L.L.C. (1872). The corporate headquarters address for all of the Debtors is 120 North Parkway Drive, Pekin, Illinois 61554.

The information presented in the List of Creditors shall not constitute an admission by, nor is it binding on, the Debtors. The information presented herein, including without limitation (a) the failure of the Debtors to list any claim as contingent, unliquidated, disputed or subject to a setoff or (b) the listing of any claim as unsecured, does not constitute an admission by the Debtors that the secured lenders hold any deficiency claims, nor does it constitute a waiver of the Debtors' rights to contest the validity, priority, nature, characterization and/or amount of any claim.

	(1) Name of creditor and complete mailing address (including zip code)	(2) Name, telephone number, fax number and complete mailing address (including zip code) of employee, agent or department of creditor familiar with claim who may be contacted	(3) Nature of claim (trade debt, bank loan, government contract, etc.)	(4) Indicate if claim is contingent, unliquidated, disputed or subject to setoff	(5) Amount of claim and date (if secured also state value of security)
1.	Senior Unsecured 10% Notes due April 2017 Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.	Dia Young Corporate Products Group MAC N9311-10 625 Marquette Avenue Minneapolis, MN 55479 T: (612) 667-0337 F: (612) 667-9825 -with a copy to- James R. Lewis Vice President Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. 45 Broadway – 17th Floor New York, New York 10006 T: (212) 515-5258 F: (866) 524-4681	Notes		\$300 million principal amount plus interest
2.	Union Tank Car Company	Dave Murawski, VP 175 West Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60604 T: (312) 347-5769 F: (312) 347-5742	Trade debt		\$1,911,197.32

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3.	Shell Energy North America (US), LP	Attn. Legal Dept. Two Houston Center, Plaza Level I 909 Fannin Street Houston, TX 77010 T: (713) 767-5400 F: (713) 230-3909	Trade debt		\$1,509,475.00
4.	Agri Energy LLC	Jay Sommers 502 S Walnut Luverne, MN 56156 T: (507) 283-9297 F: (507) 283-0001	Trade debt		\$1,423,481.73
5.	Delta T Corporation	Attn. John Hopkins, General Counsel & VP Administration 133 Waller Mill Road Williamsburg, VA 23185 P: (757) 941-0339 F: (757) 229-1705	Trade debt		\$1,333,333.00
6.	Aurora Coop Elevator Co. Inc.	George Hohwieler, President 605 12th St. Aurora, NE 68818 T: (402) 694-2106 F: (402) 694-6943	Trade debt		\$1,073,051.89
7.	BP Canada Energy Marketing Corp.	Attn. Karen Bell, Credit Analyst 1100, 240 - 4 Avenue P.O. Box 200 Calgary, Alberta Canada (403) 231-6832 (403) 233-5611	Trade debt		\$911,390.00
8.	Knight Hawk Coal LLC	Steve Carter 984 E Sugar Hill Rd. Ava, IL 62907 T: (618) 426-3662 F: (618) 426-1155	Trade debt		\$741,199.95
9.	Aberdeen Energy	Attn. James Seurer, Interim CEO & CFO 13435 370 th Avenue Mina, SD 57451 T: (605) 225-9900 F: (605) 225-9906	Trade debt		\$626,804.69
10.	Glacial Lakes Energy LLC	Attn. James Seurer, Interim CEO & CFO P.O Box 933 301-20 th Avenue SE Watertown, SD 57201 T: (605) 882-8480 F: (605) 882-8982	Trade debt		\$339,071.90

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11.	Hogenson	Dunnley Mattke, President 206 12th Ave. NE PO Box 777 West Fargo, ND 58078 T: (701) 281-1742 F: (701) 281-1700	Trade debt		\$284,344.66
12.	Oiltanking Texax City, LP	Attn. Carlin Conner, Manager 2800 Loop 197 South P.O. Box 29 Texas City, Texas 77592-0029 T: (409) 797-1710 F: (409) 797-1701	Trade debt		\$276,000.00
13.	Redfield Energy	Attn. James Seurer, Interim CEO & CFO 38650 171 st Street P.O. Box 111 Redfield, SD 57469 T: (605) 302-0090 F: (605) 475-3004	Trade debt		\$258,312.93
14.	American Railcar Leasing LLC	Attn. Dan Mazzarini, Senior V.P. Sales & Marketing 100 Clark Street, Suite 201 St. Charles, MO 63301-2075 T: (636) 940-5000 F: (636) 940-5024	Trade debt		\$247,833.80
15.	Norfolk Southern	Tom Landrum 110 Franklin Road, S.E., Box 41 Roanoke, VA 24042-0041 T: (540) 985-6022 F: (540) 985-6755	Trade debt		\$221,427.68
16.	Ace Ethanol LLC	Neal Kemmet, GM 815 W. Maple Street Stanley, WI 54788 T: (715) 644-2909 F: (715) 644-2707	Trade debt		\$221,288.05
17.	CSX	Ronald Kopp, Logistics 500 Water Street - J870 Jacksonville, FL 32202 T: (904) 366-4433 F: (904) 359-4890	Trade debt		\$203,905.97

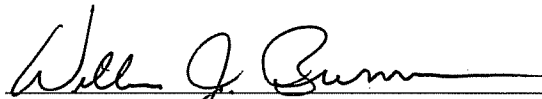
	(1) Name of creditor and complete mailing address (including zip code)	(2) Name, telephone number, fax number and complete mailing address (including zip code) of employee, agent or department of creditor familiar with claim who may be contacted	(3) Nature of claim (trade debt, bank loan, government contract, etc.)	(4) Indicate if claim is contingent, unliquidated, disputed or subject to setoff	(5) Amount of claim and date (if secured also state value of security)
18.	Oklahoma City Bioenergy Partners LLC	Juliann Cole, CPA, Director of Accounting c/o Blendstar, LLC 1525 Lake Front Circle, Suite 1 The Woodlands, TX 77380 T: (281) 465-4877 F: (281) 465-4837	Trade debt		\$202,589.04
19.	Oracle Corp	Anu Kanneganti 233 S. Wacker Drive Chicago, IL 60616 T: (312) 282.1803 F: (773) 355-4344	Trade debt		\$185,909.19
20.	Verenium, Inc.	Attn. Ken Barrett, Director of Bus Dev. 4955 Directors Place San Diego CA 92121-1609 T: (858) 526-0327 F: (858) 526-5569	Trade debt		\$171,289.85
21.	Colonial Oil Industries, Inc.	Attn. Tim Conklin, Trader Three Riverway, Suite 2000 Houston, TX 77056 T: (713) 629-7563 F: (713) 629-4643	Trade debt		\$168,979.34
22.	Genecor International/Danisco	Troy Wilson, VP Four New Century Parkway New Century, KS 66031 T: (913) 738-3615 F: (913) 764-1092	Trade debt		\$161,427.75
23.	General Atomics - Electronic Systems, Inc	Larry Dagonese 3550 General Atomics Court San Diego, CA 92121-1122 T: (858) 522-8300 F: (858) 522-8401	Trade debt		\$152,888.00
24.	CDW Direct, LLC	c/o Berbee Information Networks PO Box 88626 Milwaukee, WI 53288-0626 T: (262) 521-5600 F: (262) 523-5803	Trade debt		\$138,290.94
25.	Engineering Automation & Design, Inc.	Stephen M. Lichter 4610 S. 133rd Street, Suite 106 Omaha, NE 68137 T: (402) 884-8650 F: (402) 884-8651	Trade debt		\$138,239.56

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26.	Nashville Bioenergy Partners LLC	Juliann Cole, CPA Director of Accounting Blendstar, LLC 1525 Lake Front Circle, Suite 1 The Woodlands, TX 77380 T: (281) 465-4877 F: (281) 465-4837	Trade debt		\$132,824.62
27.	Peoria Disposal Co	Robert Williams PO Box 9071 Peoria, IL 61612-9071 T: (309) 688-0760 F: (309) 688-9611	Trade debt		\$129,500.50
28.	Husker Ag, LLC	Mike Kinney 54048 Highway 20 Plainview, NE 68769 T: 402-843-2217 F: 402-843-2248	Trade debt		\$117,551.61
29.	Precision Piping & Mechanical, Inc.	Scott P. Jones, President 5201 Middle Mt. Vernon Rd Evansville, IN 47712 T: (937) 548-9430 F: (937) 548-9408	Trade debt		\$111,177.36
30.	F C Haab Heating Oils	F.C. Haab Co. Inc. Attn: Chris Haab, President 2314 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19103 T: (215) 563-0800 F: (215) 563-9448	Trade debt		\$106,397.20

DECLARATION CONCERNING THE DEBTORS' CONSOLIDATED LIST OF CREDITORS HOLDING THE THIRTY LARGEST UNSECURED CLAIMS

I, William J. Brennan, Chief Accounting and Compliance Officer of Aventine Renewable Energy Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation, Aventine Renewable Energy, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Aventine Renewable Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation, Aventine Renewable Energy – Aurora West, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Aventine Renewable Energy – Mt Vernon, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Aventine Power, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and Nebraska Energy, L.L.C., a Kansas limited liability company, each of which is named as a debtor in these chapter 11 cases, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that I have reviewed the foregoing Consolidated List of Creditors Holding the Thirty (30) Largest Unsecured Claims submitted herewith and that the information contained therein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Dated: April 7, 2009



William J. Brennan
Chief Accounting and Compliance Officer
Aventine Renewable Energy Holdings, Inc.
Aventine Renewable Energy, LLC
Aventine Renewable Energy, Inc.
Aventine Renewable Energy – Aurora West, LLC
Aventine Renewable Energy – Mt Vernon, LLC
Aventine Power, LLC
Nebraska Energy, L.L.C.

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, George T. Henning, Jr., the Interim Chief Financial Officer and Secretary of Aventine Renewable Energy Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "**Company**"), hereby certify that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company duly called and held on April 7th, 2009, the following resolutions were duly adopted in accordance with the requirements of Delaware General Corporation Law and that, as of the date hereof, these resolutions have not been amended or modified and are in full force and effect:

RESOLVED, that in the judgment of the Board of Directors of the Company, it is desirable and in the best interests of the Company, its creditors, employees, and other interested parties that a petition be filed by the Company seeking relief under the provisions of chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "**Bankruptcy Code**");

RESOLVED, that the officers of the Company (each, an "**Authorized Officer**") be, and each of them hereby is, authorized on behalf of the Company to execute and verify petitions under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code and to cause such petitions to be filed in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "**Court**"), each such petition to be filed at such time as the Authorized Officer executing the petition shall determine and to be in the form approved by the Authorized Officer executing such petition, such approval to be conclusively evidenced by the execution, verification and filing thereof;

RESOLVED, that the law firm of Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP be, and hereby is, retained as general bankruptcy counsel to the Company to represent and assist the Company in carrying out the Company's duties under Title 11 of the United States Code, and to take any and all actions to advance the Company's rights, including the preparation of pleadings and filings in the Chapter 11 proceeding, and in connection therewith, the officers of the Company are hereby authorized and directed to execute appropriate retention agreements, pay appropriate retainers prior to and immediately upon the filing of the Chapter 11 case, and to cause to be filed an appropriate application for authority to retain the services of Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP;

RESOLVED, that the law firm of Davis Polk & Wardwell be, and hereby is, retained as special counsel for the Company in the Company's chapter 11 case, and in connection therewith, the officers of the Company are hereby authorized and directed to execute appropriate retention agreements, pay appropriate retainers prior to and immediately upon the filing of the Chapter 11 case, and to cause to be filed an appropriate application for authority to retain the services of Davis Polk & Wardwell;

RESOLVED, that Houlihan, Lokey, Howard & Zukin, Inc., be, and hereby is, retained as financial advisors for the Company in the Company's chapter 11 case, and in connection therewith, the officers of the Company are hereby authorized and directed to execute appropriate retention agreements, pay appropriate retainers immediately upon the filing of the Chapter 11 case, and to cause to be filed an appropriate application for authority to retain the services of Houlihan, Lokey, Howard & Zukin, Inc.;

RESOLVED, that the Garden City Group, Inc. be, and hereby is, retained as notice and claims agent for the Company in the Company's chapter 11 case, subject to the approval of the Court;

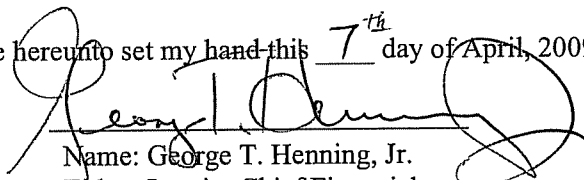
RESOLVED, that the Authorized Officers be, and each of them hereby is, authorized on behalf of the Company to execute and file in the Company's chapter 11 case all petitions, schedules, motions, lists, applications, pleadings and other papers, and, in connection therewith, to retain and obtain assistance from additional legal counsel, accountants, financial advisors and other professionals, and to take and perform any and all further acts and deeds that any such Authorized Officer deems necessary or desirable in connection with the Company's chapter 11 case;

RESOLVED, that in connection with the Company's chapter 11 case, each Authorized Officer, and such other officers of the Company as the Authorized Officers shall from time to time designate, be, and each hereby is, authorized and empowered on behalf of and in the name of the Company, to negotiate, execute, deliver, and perform or cause the performance of any notes, guarantees, security agreements, other agreements, consents, certificates, or instruments as such person considers necessary, appropriate, desirable or advisable to effectuate any other borrowing or other financial arrangements, such determination to be evidenced by such execution or taking of such action;

RESOLVED, that the Authorized Officers be, and each of them hereby is, authorized on behalf of the Company to take any and all actions, to execute, deliver, certify, file and/or record and perform any and all documents, agreements, instruments, motions, affidavits, applications for approvals or rulings of governmental or regulatory authorities or certificates and to take any and all steps deemed by any such Authorized Officer to be necessary or desirable to carry out the purpose and intent of each of the foregoing resolutions; and

RESOLVED, that any and all actions heretofore taken by any Authorized Officer or the directors of the Company in the name and on behalf of the Company in furtherance of the purpose and intent of any or all of the foregoing resolutions be, and hereby are, ratified, confirmed and approved in all respects.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 7th day of April, 2009.



Name: George T. Henning, Jr.
Title: Interim Chief Financial
Officer and Secretary

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:

**AVENTINE RENEWABLE ENERGY
HOLDINGS, INC.**, a Delaware Corporation, *et al.*,

Debtors.¹

Chapter 11

Case No. 09-____ ()

(Joint Administration Pending)

**DEBTORS' OWNERSHIP STATEMENT PURSUANT
TO RULES 1007(a)(1), 1007(a)(3) AND 7007.1 OF
THE FEDERAL RULES OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE**

Pursuant to Rules 1007(a)(1), 1007(a)(3) and 7007.1 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (each a “Debtor” and collectively, the “Debtors”) state as follows:

1. Debtor Aventine Renewable Energy Holdings, Inc. owns 100% of the membership interests of Debtor Aventine Renewable Energy, LLC.
2. Debtor Aventine Renewable Energy, LLC. owns: (a) 100% of the common stock of Aventine Renewable Energy, Inc.; (b) 100% of the membership interests of each of Aventine Power, LLC; Aventine Renewable Energy – Aurora West, LLC; and Aventine Renewable Energy – Mt Vernon, LLC; and (c) 78.42% of the membership interests of Nebraska Energy, L.L.C.

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, are: Aventine Renewable Energy Holdings, Inc. (9368), Aventine Renewable Energy, LLC (0195), Aventine Renewable Energy, Inc. (8352), Aventine Renewable Energy – Aurora West, LLC (9285), Aventine Renewable Energy – Mt Vernon, LLC (8144), Aventine Power, LLC (9343), and Nebraska Energy, L.L.C. (1872). The corporate headquarters address for all of the Debtors is 120 North Parkway Drive, Pekin, Illinois 61554.

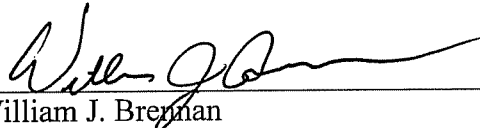
3. Debtor Aventine Renewable Energy, Inc. owns 21.58% of the membership interests of Nebraska Energy, L.L.C.

4. As of December 31, 2008, Aventine Renewable Energy Holdings, LLC directly or indirectly owned more than 10% of the outstanding common stock of Debtor Aventine Renewable Energy Holdings, Inc.

**DECLARATION CONCERNING DEBTORS' OWNERSHIP STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO RULES 1007(a)(1), 1007(a)(3) AND 7007.1 OF
THE FEDERAL RULES OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE**

I, William J. Brennan, Chief Accounting and Compliance Officer of Aventine Renewable Energy Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation, Aventine Renewable Energy, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Aventine Renewable Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation, Aventine Renewable Energy – Aurora West, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Aventine Renewable Energy – Mt Vernon, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Aventine Power, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and Nebraska Energy, L.L.C., a Kansas limited liability company, each of which is named as a debtor in these chapter 11 cases, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that I have reviewed the foregoing Debtors' Ownership Statement Pursuant to Rules 1007(a)(1), 1007(a)(3) and 7007.1 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure submitted herewith and that the information contained therein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Dated: April 7, 2009



William J. Brennan
Chief Accounting and Compliance Officer
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