

**United States Bankruptcy Court  
District of Delaware**

In re **Aventine Renewable Energy - Mt Vernon, LLC**  
Debtor(s)

Case No. **09-11218 (KG)**  
Chapter **11**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

This statement is to be completed by every debtor. Spouses filing a joint petition may file a single statement on which the information for both spouses is combined. If the case is filed under chapter 12 or chapter 13, a married debtor must furnish information for both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed. An individual debtor engaged in business as a sole proprietor, partner, family farmer, or self-employed professional, should provide the information requested on this statement concerning all such activities as well as the individual's personal affairs. To indicate payments, transfers and the like to minor children, state the child's initials and the name and address of the child's parent or guardian, such as "A.B., a minor child, by John Doe, guardian." Do not disclose the child's name. See, 11 U.S.C. § 112; Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1007(m).

Questions 1 - 18 are to be completed by all debtors. Debtors that are or have been in business, as defined below, also must complete Questions 19 - 25. **If the answer to an applicable question is "None," mark the box labeled "None."** If additional space is needed for the answer to any question, use and attach a separate sheet properly identified with the case name, case number (if known), and the number of the question.

*DEFINITIONS*

*"In business."* A debtor is "in business" for the purpose of this form if the debtor is a corporation or partnership. An individual debtor is "in business" for the purpose of this form if the debtor is or has been, within six years immediately preceding the filing of this bankruptcy case, any of the following: an officer, director, managing executive, or owner of 5 percent or more of the voting or equity securities of a corporation; a partner, other than a limited partner, of a partnership; a sole proprietor or self-employed full-time or part-time. An individual debtor also may be "in business" for the purpose of this form if the debtor engages in a trade, business, or other activity, other than as an employee, to supplement income from the debtor's primary employment.

*"Insider."* The term "insider" includes but is not limited to: relatives of the debtor; general partners of the debtor and their relatives; corporations of which the debtor is an officer, director, or person in control; officers, directors, and any owner of 5 percent or more of the voting or equity securities of a corporate debtor and their relatives; affiliates of the debtor and insiders of such affiliates; any managing agent of the debtor. 11 U.S.C. § 101.

**1. Income from employment or operation of business**

None

State the gross amount of income the debtor has received from employment, trade, or profession, or from operation of the debtor's business, including part-time activities either as an employee or in independent trade or business, from the beginning of this calendar year to the date this case was commenced. State also the gross amounts received during the **two years** immediately preceding this calendar year. (A debtor that maintains, or has maintained, financial records on the basis of a fiscal rather than a calendar year may report fiscal year income. Identify the beginning and ending dates of the debtor's fiscal year.) If a joint petition is filed, state income for each spouse separately. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must state income of both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

AMOUNT

SOURCE

**2. Income other than from employment or operation of business**

None

State the amount of income received by the debtor other than from employment, trade, profession, or operation of the debtor's business during the **two years** immediately preceding the commencement of this case. Give particulars. If a joint petition is filed, state income for each spouse separately. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must state income for each spouse whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

AMOUNT

SOURCE

**3. Payments to creditors**None  
**Complete a. or b., as appropriate, and c.**

a. *Individual or joint debtor(s) with primarily consumer debts.* List all payments on loans, installment purchases of goods or services, and other debts to any creditor made within **90 days** immediately preceding the commencement of this case unless the aggregate value of all property that constitutes or is affected by such transfer is less than \$600. Indicate with an (\*) any payments that were made to a creditor on account of a domestic support obligation or as part of an alternative repayment schedule under a plan by an approved nonprofit budgeting and creditor counseling agency. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include payments by either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CREDITOR	DATES OF PAYMENTS	AMOUNT PAID	AMOUNT STILL OWING
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None  

b. *Debtor whose debts are not primarily consumer debts:* List each payment or other transfer to any creditor made within **90 days** immediately preceding the commencement of the case unless the aggregate value of all property that constitutes or is affected by such transfer is less than \$5,475. If the debtor is an individual, indicate with an asterisk (\*) any payments that were made to a creditor on account of a domestic support obligation or as part of an alternative repayment schedule under a plan by an approved nonprofit budgeting and creditor counseling agency. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include payments by either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CREDITOR	DATES OF PAYMENTS/ TRANSFERS	AMOUNT PAID OR VALUE OF TRANSFERS	AMOUNT STILL OWING
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None  

c. *All debtors:* List all payments made within **one year** immediately preceding the commencement of this case to or for the benefit of creditors who are or were insiders. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include payments by either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CREDITOR AND RELATIONSHIP TO DEBTOR	DATE OF PAYMENT	AMOUNT PAID	AMOUNT STILL OWING
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**4. Suits and administrative proceedings, executions, garnishments and attachments**None  

a. List all suits and administrative proceedings to which the debtor is or was a party within **one year** immediately preceding the filing of this bankruptcy case. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include information concerning either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

CAPTION OF SUIT AND CASE NUMBER	NATURE OF PROCEEDING	COURT OR AGENCY AND LOCATION	STATUS OR DISPOSITION
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None  

b. Describe all property that has been attached, garnished or seized under any legal or equitable process within **one year** immediately preceding the commencement of this case. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include information concerning property of either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON FOR WHOSE BENEFIT PROPERTY WAS SEIZED	DATE OF SEIZURE	DESCRIPTION AND VALUE OF PROPERTY
<b>Kiewit Energy Company 7906 N. Sam Houston Pkwy West Suite 300 Houston, TX 77064</b>	<b>2/10/2009</b>	<b>Property commonly known as 7201 Port Road, Mt. Vernon, IN 47620 Value: Unknown</b>
<b>National Steel Erection, Inc. 1115 Industrial Drive Owensboro, KY 42301</b>	<b>3/6/2009</b>	<b>Property commonly known as 7201 Port Road, Mt. Vernon, IN 47620 Value: Unknown</b>
<b>Precision Piping and Mechanical, Inc. 5201 Middle Mt. Vernon Road Evansville, IN 47712</b>	<b>3/6/2009</b>	<b>Property commonly known as 7201 Port Road, Mt. Vernon, IN 47620 Value: Unknown</b>

**5. Repossessions, foreclosures and returns**None  

List all property that has been repossessed by a creditor, sold at a foreclosure sale, transferred through a deed in lieu of foreclosure or returned to the seller, within **one year** immediately preceding the commencement of this case. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include information concerning property of either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CREDITOR OR SELLER	DATE OF REPOSSESSION, FORECLOSURE SALE, TRANSFER OR RETURN	DESCRIPTION AND VALUE OF PROPERTY
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**6. Assignments and receiverships**None  

a. Describe any assignment of property for the benefit of creditors made within **120 days** immediately preceding the commencement of this case. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include any assignment by either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF ASSIGNEE	DATE OF ASSIGNMENT	TERMS OF ASSIGNMENT OR SETTLEMENT
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None  

b. List all property which has been in the hands of a custodian, receiver, or court-appointed official within **one year** immediately preceding the commencement of this case. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include information concerning property of either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CUSTODIAN	NAME AND LOCATION OF COURT CASE TITLE & NUMBER	DATE OF ORDER	DESCRIPTION AND VALUE OF PROPERTY
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**7. Gifts**None  

List all gifts or charitable contributions made within **one year** immediately preceding the commencement of this case except ordinary and usual gifts to family members aggregating less than \$200 in value per individual family member and charitable contributions aggregating less than \$100 per recipient. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include gifts or contributions by either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON OR ORGANIZATION	RELATIONSHIP TO DEBTOR, IF ANY	DATE OF GIFT	DESCRIPTION AND VALUE OF GIFT
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**8. Losses**None  

List all losses from fire, theft, other casualty or gambling within **one year** immediately preceding the commencement of this case **or since the commencement of this case**. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include losses by either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

DESCRIPTION AND VALUE OF PROPERTY	DESCRIPTION OF CIRCUMSTANCES AND, IF LOSS WAS COVERED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY INSURANCE, GIVE PARTICULARS	DATE OF LOSS
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**9. Payments related to debt counseling or bankruptcy**None  

List all payments made or property transferred by or on behalf of the debtor to any persons, including attorneys, for consultation concerning debt consolidation, relief under the bankruptcy law or preparation of the petition in bankruptcy within **one year** immediately preceding the commencement of this case.\*

\* Payments for bankruptcy related services were made on the Debtor's behalf by Aventine Renewable Energy, Inc.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PAYEE	DATE OF PAYMENT, NAME OF PAYOR IF OTHER THAN DEBTOR	AMOUNT OF MONEY OR DESCRIPTION AND VALUE OF PROPERTY
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**10. Other transfers**None  

a. List all other property, other than property transferred in the ordinary course of the business or financial affairs of the debtor, transferred either absolutely or as security within **two years** immediately preceding the commencement of this case. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include transfers by either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF TRANSFEREE, RELATIONSHIP TO DEBTOR	DATE	DESCRIBE PROPERTY TRANSFERRED AND VALUE RECEIVED
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None  

b. List all property transferred by the debtor within **ten years** immediately preceding the commencement of this case to a self-settled trust or similar device of which the debtor is a beneficiary.

NAME OF TRUST OR OTHER DEVICE	DATE(S) OF TRANSFER(S)	AMOUNT OF MONEY OR DESCRIPTION AND VALUE OF PROPERTY OR DEBTOR'S INTEREST IN PROPERTY
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**11. Closed financial accounts**None  

List all financial accounts and instruments held in the name of the debtor or for the benefit of the debtor which were closed, sold, or otherwise transferred within **one year** immediately preceding the commencement of this case. Include checking, savings, or other financial accounts, certificates of deposit, or other instruments; shares and share accounts held in banks, credit unions, pension funds, cooperatives, associations, brokerage houses and other financial institutions. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include information concerning accounts or instruments held by or for either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF INSTITUTION	TYPE OF ACCOUNT, LAST FOUR DIGITS OF ACCOUNT NUMBER, AND AMOUNT OF FINAL BALANCE	AMOUNT AND DATE OF SALE OR CLOSING
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**12. Safe deposit boxes**None  

List each safe deposit or other box or depository in which the debtor has or had securities, cash, or other valuables within **one year** immediately preceding the commencement of this case. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include boxes or depositories of either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF BANK OR OTHER DEPOSITORY	NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THOSE WITH ACCESS TO BOX OR DEPOSITORY	DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS	DATE OF TRANSFER OR SURRENDER, IF ANY
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**13. Setoffs**None  

List all setoffs made by any creditor, including a bank, against a debt or deposit of the debtor within **90 days** preceding the commencement of this case. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include information concerning either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CREDITOR	DATE OF SETOFF	AMOUNT OF SETOFF
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**14. Property held for another person**None  

List all property owned by another person that the debtor holds or controls.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER	DESCRIPTION AND VALUE OF PROPERTY	LOCATION OF PROPERTY
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**15. Prior address of debtor**

None

If the debtor has moved within **three years** immediately preceding the commencement of this case, list all premises which the debtor occupied during that period and vacated prior to the commencement of this case. If a joint petition is filed, report also any separate address of either spouse.

ADDRESS	NAME USED	DATES OF OCCUPANCY
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**16. Spouses and Former Spouses**

None

If the debtor resides or resided in a community property state, commonwealth, or territory (including Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Puerto Rico, Texas, Washington, or Wisconsin) within **eight years** immediately preceding the commencement of the case, identify the name of the debtor's spouse and of any former spouse who resides or resided with the debtor in the community property state.

NAME

**17. Environmental Information.**

For the purpose of this question, the following definitions apply:

"Environmental Law" means any federal, state, or local statute or regulation regulating pollution, contamination, releases of hazardous or toxic substances, wastes or material into the air, land, soil, surface water, groundwater, or other medium, including, but not limited to, statutes or regulations regulating the cleanup of these substances, wastes, or material.

"Site" means any location, facility, or property as defined under any Environmental Law, whether or not presently or formerly owned or operated by the debtor, including, but not limited to, disposal sites.

"Hazardous Material" means anything defined as a hazardous waste, hazardous substance, toxic substance, hazardous material, pollutant, or contaminant or similar term under an Environmental Law

None

a. List the name and address of every site for which the debtor has received notice in writing by a governmental unit that it may be liable or potentially liable under or in violation of an Environmental Law. Indicate the governmental unit, the date of the notice, and, if known, the Environmental Law:

SITE NAME AND ADDRESS	NAME AND ADDRESS OF GOVERNMENTAL UNIT	DATE OF NOTICE	ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
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None

b. List the name and address of every site for which the debtor provided notice to a governmental unit of a release of Hazardous Material. Indicate the governmental unit to which the notice was sent and the date of the notice.

SITE NAME AND ADDRESS	NAME AND ADDRESS OF GOVERNMENTAL UNIT	DATE OF NOTICE	ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
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None

c. List all judicial or administrative proceedings, including settlements or orders, under any Environmental Law with respect to which the debtor is or was a party. Indicate the name and address of the governmental unit that is or was a party to the proceeding, and the docket number.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF GOVERNMENTAL UNIT	DOCKET NUMBER	STATUS OR DISPOSITION
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**18 . Nature, location and name of business**None  

a. *If the debtor is an individual*, list the names, addresses, taxpayer identification numbers, nature of the businesses, and beginning and ending dates of all businesses in which the debtor was an officer, director, partner, or managing executive of a corporation, partner in a partnership, sole proprietor, or was self-employed in a trade, profession, or other activity either full- or part-time within **six years** immediately preceding the commencement of this case, or in which the debtor owned 5 percent or more of the voting or equity securities within **six years** immediately preceding the commencement of this case.

*If the debtor is a partnership*, list the names, addresses, taxpayer identification numbers, nature of the businesses, and beginning and ending dates of all businesses in which the debtor was a partner or owned 5 percent or more of the voting or equity securities, within **six years** immediately preceding the commencement of this case.

*If the debtor is a corporation*, list the names, addresses, taxpayer identification numbers, nature of the businesses, and beginning and ending dates of all businesses in which the debtor was a partner or owned 5 percent or more of the voting or equity securities within **six years** immediately preceding the commencement of this case.

NAME	LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SOCIAL-SECURITY OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER-I.D. NO. (ITIN)/ COMPLETE EIN	ADDRESS	NATURE OF BUSINESS	BEGINNING AND ENDING DATES
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None  

b. Identify any business listed in response to subdivision a., above, that is "single asset real estate" as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101.

NAME	ADDRESS
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The following questions are to be completed by every debtor that is a corporation or partnership and by any individual debtor who is or has been, within **six years** immediately preceding the commencement of this case, any of the following: an officer, director, managing executive, or owner of more than 5 percent of the voting or equity securities of a corporation; a partner, other than a limited partner, of a partnership, a sole proprietor or self-employed in a trade, profession, or other activity, either full- or part-time.

*(An individual or joint debtor should complete this portion of the statement **only** if the debtor is or has been in business, as defined above, within six years immediately preceding the commencement of this case. A debtor who has not been in business within those six years should go directly to the signature page.)*

**19. Books, records and financial statements**None  

a. List all bookkeepers and accountants who within **two years** immediately preceding the filing of this bankruptcy case kept or supervised the keeping of books of account and records of the debtor.

NAME AND ADDRESS	DATES SERVICES RENDERED
<b>Becky S. Adkins</b> <b>Aventine Renewable Energy - Mt. Vernon, LLC</b> <b>P.O. Box 486</b> <b>Mount Vernon, IN 47620</b>	<b>04/07/2007 through 04/07/2009</b>
<b>Stephen P. Schmidt</b> <b>Aventine Renewable Energy - Mt. Vernon, LLC</b> <b>120 N. Parkway Drive</b> <b>Pekin, IL 61554</b>	<b>04/07/2007 through 04/07/2009</b>

None  

b. List all firms or individuals who within the **two years** immediately preceding the filing of this bankruptcy case have audited the books of account and records, or prepared a financial statement of the debtor.

NAME	ADDRESS	DATES SERVICES RENDERED
<b>Becky S. Adkins</b>	<b>Aventine Renewable Energy - Mt. Vernon, LLC</b> <b>P.O. Box 486</b> <b>Mount Vernon, IN 47620</b>	<b>04/07/2007 through 04/07/2009</b>
<b>Stephen P. Schmidt</b>	<b>Aventine Renewable Energy - Mt. Vernon, LLC</b> <b>120 N. Parkway Drive</b> <b>Pekin, IL 61554</b>	<b>04/07/2007 through 04/07/2009</b>

None  c. List all firms or individuals who at the time of the commencement of this case were in possession of the books of account and records of the debtor. If any of the books of account and records are not available, explain.

NAME

**Becky S. Adkins**

ADDRESS

**Aventine Renewable Energy - Mt. Vernon, LLC  
P.O. Box 486  
Mount Vernon, IN 47620**

**Stephen P. Schmidt**

**Aventine Renewable Energy - Mt. Vernon, LLC  
120 N. Parkway Drive  
Pekin, IL 61554**

None  d. List all financial institutions, creditors and other parties, including mercantile and trade agencies, to whom a financial statement was issued by the debtor within **two years** immediately preceding the commencement of this case.\*

\* The Debtor's parent, Aventine Renewable Energy Holdings, Inc., is a publicly traded company that files financial reporting statements with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission which include information about the debtor.

**See Global Notes**

NAME AND ADDRESS

DATE ISSUED

**20. Inventories**

None  a. List the dates of the last two inventories taken of your property, the name of the person who supervised the taking of each inventory, and the dollar amount and basis of each inventory.

DATE OF INVENTORY

INVENTORY SUPERVISOR

DOLLAR AMOUNT OF INVENTORY  
(Specify cost, market or other basis)

None  b. List the name and address of the person having possession of the records of each of the two inventories reported in a., above.

DATE OF INVENTORY

NAME AND ADDRESSES OF CUSTODIAN OF INVENTORY  
RECORDS

**21. Current Partners, Officers, Directors and Shareholders**

None  a. If the debtor is a partnership, list the nature and percentage of partnership interest of each member of the partnership.

NAME AND ADDRESS

NATURE OF INTEREST

PERCENTAGE OF INTEREST

None  b. If the debtor is a corporation, list all officers and directors of the corporation, and each stockholder who directly or indirectly owns, controls, or holds 5 percent or more of the voting or equity securities of the corporation.

NAME AND ADDRESS

TITLE

NATURE AND PERCENTAGE  
OF STOCK OWNERSHIP

**Ronald H. Miller  
Aventine Renewable Energy  
120 N. Parkway Drive  
P.O. Box 1800  
Pekin, IL 61555-1800**

**President and Chief Executive  
Officer**

**Daniel R. Trunfio, Jr.  
Aventine Renewable Energy  
120 N. Parkway Drive  
P.O. Box 1800  
Pekin, IL 61555-1800**

**Chief Operating Officer**

NAME AND ADDRESS	TITLE	NATURE AND PERCENTAGE OF STOCK OWNERSHIP
George T. Henning, Jr. Aventine Renewable Energy 120 N. Parkway Drive P.O. Box 1800 Pekin, IL 61555-1800	Interim Chief Financial Officer and Secretary	
Roger E. Bushue Aventine Renewable Energy 120 N. Parkway Drive P.O. Box 1800 Pekin, IL 61555-1800	VP Business Resources and Administration	
James R. Sneed Aventine Renewable Energy 120 N. Parkway Drive P.O. Box 1800 Pekin, IL 61555-1800	VP Ethanol Marketing	
William J. Brennan Aventine Renewable Energy 120 N. Parkway Drive P.O. Box 1800 Pekin, IL 61555-1800	Chief Accounting and Compliance Officer	
Jeffrey A. Moery Aventine Renewable Energy 120 N. Parkway Drive P.O. Box 1800 Pekin, IL 61555-1800	VP Pekin Operations	
Stephen P. Schmidt Aventine Renewable Energy 120 N. Parkway Drive P.O. Box 1800 Pekin, IL 61555-1800	Controller	
Aventine Renewable Energy, LLC 120 N. Parkway Drive P.O. Box 1800 Pekin, IL 61555-1800	Owner	100% Ownership Interest

## 22 . Former partners, officers, directors and shareholders

None

a. If the debtor is a partnership, list each member who withdrew from the partnership within **one year** immediately preceding the commencement of this case.

NAME	ADDRESS	DATE OF WITHDRAWAL
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None

b. If the debtor is a corporation, list all officers, or directors whose relationship with the corporation terminated within **one year** immediately preceding the commencement of this case.

NAME AND ADDRESS	TITLE	DATE OF TERMINATION
Lynn K. Landman 5738 W. Forestwood Drive Peoria, IL 61615	VP, General Counsel and Secretary	09/30/08
Ajay Sabherwal 5105 N. Primrose Court Peoria, IL 61615	Chief Financial Officer	03/13/09
James M. Redding 4 Winged Foot Drive Pekin, IL 61554	VP External Relations	10/24/08

NAME AND ADDRESS	TITLE	DATE OF TERMINATION
<b>Jerry L. Weiland</b> 3410 Sheridan Road Pekin, IL 61554	<b>VP Operations</b>	<b>07/18/08</b>
<b>John R. Gray</b> c/o Aventine Renewable Energy 120 N. Parkway Drive P.O. Box 1800 Pekin, IL 61555-1800	<b>VP Global Supply and Distribution</b>	<b>03/13/08</b>

### 23. Withdrawals from a partnership or distributions by a corporation

None  If the debtor is a partnership or corporation, list all withdrawals or distributions credited or given to an insider, including compensation in any form, bonuses, loans, stock redemptions, options exercised and any other perquisite during **one year** immediately preceding the commencement of this case.

NAME & ADDRESS OF RECIPIENT, RELATIONSHIP TO DEBTOR	DATE AND PURPOSE OF WITHDRAWAL	AMOUNT OF MONEY OR DESCRIPTION AND VALUE OF PROPERTY
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### 24. Tax Consolidation Group.

None  If the debtor is a corporation, list the name and federal taxpayer identification number of the parent corporation of any consolidated group for tax purposes of which the debtor has been a member at any time within **six years** immediately preceding the commencement of the case.

NAME OF PARENT CORPORATION <b>Aventine Renewable Energy Holdings, Inc.</b>	TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN) <b>05-0569368</b>
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### 25. Pension Funds.

None  If the debtor is not an individual, list the name and federal taxpayer identification number of any pension fund to which the debtor, as an employer, has been responsible for contributing at any time within **six years** immediately preceding the commencement of the case.

NAME OF PENSION FUND	TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN)
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## DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY ON BEHALF OF CORPORATION OR PARTNERSHIP

I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the answers contained in the foregoing statement of financial affairs and any attachments thereto and that they are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Date June 8, 2009 Signature /s/ William J. Brennan  
Chief Accounting and Compliance Officer

[An individual signing on behalf of a partnership or corporation must indicate position or relationship to debtor.]

*Penalty for making a false statement: Fine of up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152 and 3571*

## **GLOBAL NOTES TO DEBTORS' SCHEDULES OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AND STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

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, and Nebraska Energy, L.L.C. (each a “Debtor” and collectively, the “Debtors”) submit their Schedules of Assets and Liabilities (the “Schedules”) and Statements of Financial Affairs (the “Statements”) pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 521 and Rule 1007 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure. The Schedules and Statements prepared by the Debtors as of and for the period ending April 7, 2009 (the “Petition Date”) are unaudited, from a variety of different sources available to the Debtors and were prepared with such data to provide a cut-off as near as possible to the Petition Date. While the Debtors’ management has exercised reasonable best efforts to ensure that the Schedules and Statements are accurate and complete based on information that was available at the time of preparation, inadvertent errors or omissions may exist. Accordingly, the Debtors reserve the right to amend the Schedules and Statements from time to time as may be necessary or appropriate and expects they will do so as information becomes available. These global notes (the “Global Notes”) are incorporated by reference in, and comprise an integral part of, the Schedules and Statements, and should be referred to and reviewed in connection with any review of the Schedules and Statements.

The Debtors reserve the right to dispute, or to assert offset or defenses to, any claim reflected on the Schedules and/or Statements as to amount, liability or classification. The Debtors also reserve all rights with respect to the values, amounts and characterizations of the assets and liabilities listed in their Schedules and Statements.

Any failure to designate a claim listed on the Debtors’ Schedules as “disputed,” “contingent” or “unliquidated” does not constitute an admission by the Debtors that such amount is not “disputed,” “contingent” or “unliquidated.” The Debtors reserve the right to dispute, or to assert setoff rights, counterclaims or defenses to, any claim reflected on their Schedules as to amount, liability or classification, or to otherwise subsequently designate any claim as “disputed,” “contingent” or “unliquidated.” Additionally, the dollar amounts of claims listed may be exclusive of contingent and additional unliquidated amounts. Further, the claims of each creditor for, among other things, goods, services, or taxes are listed as the amounts entered on the Debtors’ books and records and may not reflect credits or allowances due from such creditors to the Debtors. The Debtors reserve all of their rights with respect to any such credits and allowances.

As it would be expensive and unduly burdensome to obtain current market valuations of the Debtors’ property interests, unless otherwise noted, the carrying value on the Debtors’ books (net book value), rather than the current market values, of the Debtors’ interests in property and of the Debtors’ liabilities, is reflected on the Debtors’ Schedules and Statements.

The Debtors reserve all of their rights with respect to any causes of action it may have against third parties, whether not such causes of action are or are not listed as assets in their Schedules and Statements and neither these Global Notes nor the Schedules and Statements shall be deemed a waiver of any such causes of action.

The Schedules and Statements have been signed by William J. Brennan who serves as the Chief Accounting and Compliance Officer to each of the Debtors. In reviewing and signing the Schedules and Statements, Mr. Brennan has necessarily relied upon the efforts, statements and representations of the Debtors' personnel and professionals. Mr. Brennan has not (and could not have) personally verified the accuracy of each such statement and representation, including statements and representations concerning amounts owed to creditors and their addresses.

In addition to the foregoing, the following conventions were adopted by the Debtors in the preparation of the Schedules and Statements:

### Schedules of Assets and Liabilities

#### Schedule A Notes

- The Debtors have included the net book value, as of March 1, 2009, of all owned real property and any improvements thereon in Schedule A.

#### Schedule B Notes

- The amounts set forth in Schedule B represent the lesser of the net book value or fair market value, as determined by the Debtors from time to time in the ordinary course of business, for each asset as of the Petition Date.
- Schedules B28, B29 and B30 – Due to the sheer volume of the Debtors' furniture, fixtures, equipment, supplies and inventory, it would be impractical and unduly burdensome for the Debtors to produce an item by item listing of those goods. Therefore, the Debtors have provided amounts for each question on a site by site basis as maintained in the Debtors' books and records in the ordinary course of business, as of the Petition Date. Upon request by a party-in-interest, the Debtors will provide supervised access to the electronic records which contain the entire listing of these goods; provided, however, that such party must give the Debtors a reasonable period of notice and any inspection shall be conducted at the Debtors' corporate offices during the Debtors' regular business hours; provided, further, that, at the time of inspection, the items may be in a different form and amount from that reported as of the Petition Date.
- Schedule B29 – Each of the Debtors Aventine Renewable Energy – Aurora West, LLC and Aventine Renewable Energy – Mt. Vernon, LLC have as their primary assets ethanol plants currently in the later stages of production. For each of those Debtors, Schedule B29 reflects the value of those plants as carried on the respective Debtors' books and records.
- Schedule B30 - The Debtors value their co-product inventory using the current market value only. Accordingly, co-product inventory value was calculated using the April 7, 2009 market values.

### Schedule D Notes

- Except as otherwise agreed in accordance with a stipulation, consent or agreed order or any other order entered by the Bankruptcy Court, the Debtors reserve their rights to dispute or challenge the validity, perfection or immunity from avoidance of any lien purported to be granted or perfected in any specific asset to a secured creditor listed on Schedule D.
- Holders of secured claims by virtue of holding setoff rights or hold security deposits against the Debtors are not included on Schedule D.
- In certain instances, a Debtor may be a co-obligor, co-mortgagor or guarantor with respect to scheduled claims of an affiliate, and no claim schedule on Schedule D is intended to acknowledge claims of creditors that are otherwise satisfied or discharged by other entities.
- The descriptions provided are intended only to be a summary. Reference to the applicable documents, including without limitation, any credit agreements, security agreements, other granting instruments and related documents, is necessary for a complete description of the collateral and the nature, extent and priority of any liens. Nothing herein shall be deemed a modification or interpretation of the terms of such agreements.

### Schedule E Notes

- The Bankruptcy Court has approved the payment of certain unsecured claims against the Debtors including, without limitation, certain claims of employees for wages, salaries, and benefits and certain tax claims which arose pre-petition. Accordingly, Schedule E does not include any prepetition amounts owed but satisfied pursuant to such orders.
- The listing of any claim on this Schedule E does not constitute an admission by the Debtors that such claim is entitled to priority treatment under 11 U.S.C. § 507. The Debtors reserve the right to take the position that any claim or creditor listed on Schedule E is not entitled to priority treatment.

### Schedule F Notes

- The Bankruptcy Court has approved the payment of certain unsecured pre-petition claims, including, without limitation, certain claims of critical vendors and shippers and warehousemen. While the Debtors have made every effort to accurately reflect such claims and payments in Schedule F, the Debtors may not have properly accounted for certain payments and claims affected by these orders.
- The Debtors expressly incorporate by reference into Schedules F all parties to pending and potential litigation listed in question 4(a) of each Debtor's

Statements as contingent, unliquidated and disputed claims, to the extent not already listed on Schedule F.

- The Debtors other than Nebraska Energy, LLC utilize a consolidated cash management and accounts payable systems which are administered by Aventine Renewable Energy, Inc. As such, certain creditors may appear on the Schedules of Aventine Renewable Energy, Inc. notwithstanding the fact that certain of those obligations may be obligations of one or more of its affiliated Debtors.

#### Schedule G Notes

- While reasonable best efforts have been made to ensure the accuracy of Schedule G, inadvertent errors or omissions may have occurred. To the extent that the Debtors become aware of additional executory contracts and unexpired leases, they will supplement their Schedules.
- The Debtors hereby reserve all rights to dispute the validity, status or enforceability of any agreement, contract or lease set forth in Schedule G and to amend or supplement such Schedule as necessary. Additionally, the placing of an agreement, contract or lease onto Schedule G shall not be deemed an admission that such agreement is an executory contract or unexpired lease, or that it is necessarily a binding, valid and enforceable agreement, contract or lease. Any and all of the parties' rights, claims and causes of action with respect to the agreements, contracts and leases listed on Schedule G are hereby reserved and preserved and shall be governed solely by the terms of the applicable agreement and governing law.
- Omission of a contract or agreement from this Schedule does not constitute an admission that such omitted lease, contract or agreement is not an executory contract or unexpired lease. The Debtors' rights under the Bankruptcy Code with respect to any such omitted leases, contracts or agreements are not impaired by their omission. This Schedule may be amended at any time to add any omitted lease, contract or agreement.
- The agreements listed on Schedule G may have expired or may have been rejected, terminated, assigned, modified, amended and/or supplemented from time to time by various amendments, change orders, restatements, waivers, estoppel certificates, letters and other documents, instruments, and agreements which may not be listed therein. Certain of the real property leases listed on Schedule G may contain renewal options, guarantees of payment, options to purchase, rights of first refusal, rights to lease additional space and other miscellaneous rights. Such documents, rights, powers, duties and obligations may not be set forth on Schedule G, but shall be deemed included to the extent that they are binding, valid and enforceable against the parties thereto. Certain of the agreements listed on Schedule G may be in the nature of secured financings, and the inclusion of such on Schedule G is not an admission that the agreement is an executory contract, financing agreement or otherwise.

- Certain of the Debtors or their affiliates may have entered into contracts with third parties for the benefit of another Debtor. For the purposes of Schedule G, contracts have been listed only where that Debtor is an actual party to the contract. The omission of any contract from Schedule G to which a Debtor is an intended beneficiary shall not constitute a waiver of any rights the Debtor may have in that contract, including the right to enforce such contract or the right to recover damages in the event that there is a breach of such contract.

### Statement of Financial Affairs

#### Statement of Financial Affairs Question 3b

The Debtors have scheduled known payments to creditors aggregating more than \$5,475 that were made during the 90 days prior to the Petition Date other than ordinary course wages or expense reimbursements to non-insider employees.

The Debtors other than Nebraska Energy, LLC use a consolidated cash management system and the obligations of those Debtors are paid by and through Aventine Renewable Energy, Inc., notwithstanding the fact that certain of those obligations may be obligations of one or more of Aventine Renewable Energy, Inc.'s affiliated Debtors. Accordingly, the response to Question 3b of Aventine Renewable Energy, Inc. should be reviewed for a complete list of payments to creditors aggregating more than \$5,475 that were made during the 90 days prior to the Petition Date for those Debtors.

To the extent that payments to creditors were made via corporate credit card, those payments to creditors will not be reflected in the Debtors' responses to Question 3b.

#### Statement of Financial Affairs Question 3c

Payments, if any, to any insiders of each Debtor, except for certain insiders of Aventine Renewable Energy Holdings, Inc., are included among the payments listed in response to Statement of Financial Affairs Question 3c of Aventine Renewable Energy, Inc.

The directors fees for the following directors of Aventine Renewable Energy Holdings, Inc. are paid to third parties and listed by such payee in response to Question 3c for Aventine Renewable Energy Holdings, Inc.: Leigh Abramson (Metalmark Capital LLC), Richard Derbes (Derbes Associates, LLC) and Michael Hoffman (Metalmark Capital LLC).

#### Statement of Financial Affairs Question 4a

The Debtors have made every effort to include on Exhibit 4 a complete list of all suits and proceedings to which the Debtors were a party within the one year immediately preceding the Petition Date. To the extent the Debtors become aware they have omitted any suits or proceedings, they will amend their Statements.

#### Statement of Financial Affairs Question 4b

Certain parties have asserted mechanic's liens with respect to certain property of the Debtors and those purported lienors have been included in response to Question 4b. The Debtors have not completed an analysis of these mechanic's liens to determine whether they are in fact valid attachments and/or liens on properties but are disclosing the identity of such parties out of an abundance of caution. The Debtors reserve all rights to dispute the extent, validity and priority of any purported mechanic's lien.

#### Statement of Financial Affairs Question 9

The obligations of the Debtors are paid by and through Aventine Renewable Energy, Inc. Accordingly, the payments related to debt counseling or bankruptcy appear only in the response to Question 9 of Aventine Renewable Energy, Inc.

#### Statement of Financial Affairs Question 14

In the ordinary course of their business, the Debtors lease equipment from certain third-party lessors for use in the daily operation of their business and otherwise hold property owned by third-parties pursuant to contracts with such parties. Any such leases or contracts are set forth in Schedule G. The property subject to any of such leases or contracts is not reflected in either Schedule A or Schedule B as either owned property or assets of the Debtors. Neither is the property subject to any such leases or contracts reflected in the Debtors' Statements as property or assets of third-parties within the control of the Debtors. Nothing in the Schedules or Statements is or shall be construed as an admission or determination as to the legal status of any lease (including, but not limited to, whether any lease is a true lease or a financing arrangement) or contract (including, but not limited to, whether the contract is, in fact, an executory contract), and the Debtors reserve all rights with respect to any of such issues.

#### Statement of Financial Affairs Question 19

Aventine Renewable Energy Holdings, Inc. is the issuer of publicly traded equity securities and an accelerated filer with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). Certain financial statements regarding the Debtors are available to the public through the SEC's EDGAR program. Additionally, the Debtors have provided financial statements in the ordinary course of business to various parties including regulatory agencies, financial institutions and investment banks. In addition, financial statements have been provided to other parties as requested. Given the foregoing, including the public nature of the Debtors' SEC filings, the Debtors cannot know to which parties and at what level of disclosure their financial information has been disseminated.

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