

**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. 09-11214 (KG)

(Jointly Administered)

Hearing Date: March 18, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.

Objection Deadline: March 3, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

**THIRD INTERIM QUARTERLY FEE REQUESTS
OF DEBTORS' PROFESSIONALS**

TO: THE UNITED STATES TRUSTEE, COUNSEL FOR THE COMMITTEE, ALL PARTIES LISTED IN THE INTERIM COMPENSATION ORDER AND ALL OTHER PARTIES WHO REQUESTED NOTICE PURSUANT TO RULE 2002 OF THE FEDERAL RULES OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE

Pursuant to that certain Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 105(a) and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code (the "Interim Compensation Order") [D.I. 129] the professionals retained by the above-captioned debtors and debtors-in-possession (the "Debtors") hereby apply for interim quarterly allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses (the "Fee Request") for all interim applications filed during the previous quarterly period covering the period from October 1, 2009 through and including December 31, 2009. Summaries of the fees and expenses subject to this Fee Request are summarized in the attachments hereto.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order, the Debtors were authorized to pay, on an interim basis, 80% of the amount of compensation

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requested and 100% of the amount requested for reimbursement for expenses without further order from the Court upon the expiration of a 15-day objection period.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that objections, if any, to the Fee Request are to be filed and served on the affected professional and the parties set forth in the Interim Compensation Order on or before March 3, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a hearing to consider approval of the Fee Request will be held before the Honorable Kevin Gross, United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, 824 Market Street, 6th Floor, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, on March 18, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.

Dated: Wilmington, Delaware
February 16, 2010

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OF YOUNG CONAWAY STARGATT & TAYLOR, LLP**

Name of Applicant: Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP

Authorized to Provide Professional Services to: Debtors and Debtors-in-Possession

Date of Retention: Effective as of April 7, 2009

Period for which compensation and reimbursement is sought: [October 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009](#)

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10/1/09-10/31/09 12/23/09 623	115,020.00	1,494.41	1/14/10 687	92,016.00	1,494.41	23,004.00
11/1/09-11/30/09 1/28/10 706	150,164.00	3,373.44	Pending	120,131.20	3,373.44	30,032.80
12/1/09-12/31/09 2/16/10	149,851.00	7,263.35	Pending	119,880.80	7,263.35	29,970.20
Totals	415,035.00	12,131.20		332,028.00	12,131.20	83,007.00

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**THIRD INTERIM FEE REQUEST OF WESTERVELT, JOHNSON,
NICOLL & KELLER LLC**

Name of Applicant:

Westervelt, Johnson, Nicoll & Keller LLC,

Authorized to Provide Professional Services to:

Debtors and Debtors-in-Possession

Date of Retention:

Effective as of April 7, 2009

Period for which compensation and
reimbursement is sought:

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10/01/09-12/31/09	11,225.00	442.06	Pending	8,980.00	442.06	2,245.00
Totals	11,225.00	442.06		8,980.00	442.06	2,245.00

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THIRD INTERIM FEE REQUEST OF JENNER & BLOCK LLP

Name of Applicant:

Jenner & Block LLP

Authorized to Provide Professional Services to:

Debtors and Debtors-in-Possession

Date of Retention:

Effective as of April 7, 2009

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10/1/09-11/30/09 1/7/10 660	51,122.50	2,241.40	1/4/10 734	40,898.00	2,241.40	10,224.50
12/1/09-12/31/09 2/5/10 739	38,732.50	2,552.33	Pending	30,986.00	2,552.33	7,746.50
Totals	89,855.00	4,793.73		71,884.00	4,793.73	17,971.00

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**THIRD INTERIM FEE REQUEST OF HOULIHAN LOKEY
HOWARD & ZUKIN CAPITAL, INC.**

Name of Applicant: Houlihan Lokey Howard & Zukin Capital, Inc.

Authorized to Provide Professional Services to: Debtors and Debtors-in-Possession

Date of Retention: Effective as of April 7, 2009

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11/1/09-11/30/09 1/7/10 661	150,000.00	11,730.18	2/4/10 735	120,000.00	11,730.18	30,000.00
12/1/09-12/31/09 2/16/10	150,000.00	8,448.97	Pending	120,000.00	8,448.97	30,000.00
Totals	450,000.00	25,677.88		360,000.00	25,677.88	90,000.00

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THIRD INTERIM FEE REQUEST OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP

Name of Applicant: Ernst & Young LLP

Authorized to Provide Professional Services to: Debtors and Debtors-in-Possession

Date of Retention: Effective as of April 7, 2009

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10/1/09-10/31/09 12/4/09 589	257,639.50	6,905.00	12/30/09 631	206,111.60	6,905.00	51,527.90
11/1/09-11/30/09 2/16/10 763	172,296.50	2,984.00	Pending	137,837.20	2,984.00	34,459.30
12/1/09-12/31/09 2/16/10 763	114,971.00	62.00	Pending	91,976.80	62.00	22,994.20
Totals	544,907.00	9,951.00		435,925.60	9,951.00	108,981.40

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