

Attn: Trading and Market Making/Legal and Compliance/Operations/Systems
UNIFORM PRACTICE CODE ADVISORY (UPC # 14-2010) March 16, 2010,
Aventine Renewable Energy Holdings, Inc. (AVRNQ)

Notice has been received that the above Company's Joint Plan of Reorganization (Plan) filed under Chapter XI of the Federal Bankruptcy Code, became effective on March 15, 2010. Pursuant to the Plan, Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, on the Effective Date and concurrently with the applicable Distributions made pursuant to the Plan, the promissory notes, share certificates (including treasury stock), the Prepetition Unsecured Notes, the Prepetition Indenture, other instruments evidencing any Claims or Interests, and all options, warrants, calls, rights, puts, awards, commitments or any other agreements of any character to acquire such Interests shall be deemed automatically extinguished, canceled and of no further force and effect, without any further act or action under any applicable agreement, law, regulation, order or rule, and the obligations of the Debtors under the notes, share certificates, Prepetition Unsecured Notes, the Prepetition Note Indenture and other agreements and instruments governing such Claims and Interests shall be automatically discharged and released. The holders of or parties to such canceled notes, share certificates, Prepetition Notes, the Prepetition Indenture and other agreements and instruments shall have no rights arising from or relating to such notes, share certificates, Prepetition Unsecured Notes, the Prepetition Indenture, and other agreements and instruments or the cancellation thereof, except the rights provided pursuant to the Plan; provided, however, that the Prepetition Unsecured Notes and the Prepetition Indenture shall continue in effect solely for the purposes of (i) allowing the Prepetition Indenture Trustee or its agents to make Distributions to holders of Prepetition Unsecured Notes and (ii) allowing holders of the Prepetition Unsecured Notes to receive Distributions hereunder. The Prepetition Indenture shall terminate completely upon the completion of all Distributions to the holders of the Prepetition Unsecured Notes and the payment in full of the reasonable fees and expenses of the Prepetition Indenture Trustee. After the performance by the Unsecured Note Indenture Trustee or its agents of all duties that are required under the Plan, the Confirmation Order and/or under the terms of the Prepetition Indenture, the Prepetition Indenture Trustee and its agents and advisors shall be relieved of, and released from, all obligations associated with the Prepetition Unsecured Notes arising under the Prepetition Indenture or under other applicable agreements or law, and the Prepetition Indenture Trustee shall be deemed fully released and discharged.

Members are reminded of their obligations under NASD Conduct Rule 2310 if they continue to engage in transactions in the above security after the effective date.

Members are further advised that deliveries in settlement of contracts in the OLD securities, which were executed prior to the announcement that the securities had been deemed worthless, shall be evidenced by either a) the OLD security; or b) a Letter of Indemnity which shall grant the purchaser any rights and privileges which might accrue to the holders of the physical securities. Such deliveries shall operate to close-out the contract and shall be settled at the existing contract price pursuant to Uniform Practice Code

Rule 11530.

Questions regarding this notice should be directed to: FINRA Operations,
866.776.0800.