

AVENTINE RENEWABLE ENERGY HOLDINGS INC

Form SC 13G

February 14, 2011

CUSIP No. 05356X700

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

**INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT
TO RULE 13d-1(b), (c), AND (d) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO**

RULE 13d-2

(Amendment No.) (1)

Aventine Renewable Energy Holdings, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

**Common Stock, \$0.001 par value
(Title of Class of Securities)**

**05356X700
(CUSIP Number)**

December 31, 2010
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

(1) The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page. The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Act) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

BHR Capital LLC

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a) " (b) "

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF

SHARES 6 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY

378,401

EACH

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

PERSON

WITH

378,401

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

378,401

10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) "

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

12 5.11%
TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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Steven A. Van Dyke

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United States of America

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Michael N. Thompson

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Schedule 13G

- Item 1 (a). Name of Issuer:
Aventine Renewable Energy Holdings, Inc.
- Item 1 (b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:
120 North Parkway, Pekin, Illinois, 61554
- Item 2 (a). Name of Persons Filing:
BHR Capital LLC (BHR); Steven A. Van Dyke (Mr. Van Dyke); Michael N. Thompson (Mr. Thompson) and together with the other reporting persons, the Reporting Persons)
- Item 2 (b). Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence:
545 Madison Avenue, 10th Floor, New York, NY, 10022
- Item 2 (c). Citizenship:
Delaware; United States of America; United States of America
- Item 2 (d). Title of Class of Securities:
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (the Common Stock)
- Item 2 (e). CUSIP Number:
05356X700
- Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), Check Whether the Person Filing is a:
- (a) .. Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o).
 - (b) .. Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
 - (c) .. Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
 - (d) .. Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C 80a-8).
 - (e) x An investment adviser in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
 - (f) .. An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
 - (g) x A parent holding company or control person in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
 - (h) .. A savings associations as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);
 - (i) .. A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);
 - (j) .. Group, in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

Item 4. Ownership.

(a) Amount beneficially owned:

378,401 shares of Common Stock, which are held by certain funds and accounts for which BHR serves as investment manager. None of the individual funds or accounts managed by BHR owns 5% or more of the total Common Stock outstanding. BHR shares voting and dispositive power over the Shares held by the funds and account that it manages. Mr. Van Dyke and Mr. Thompson, as the principals of BHR, share voting and dispositive power over the shares reported herein. Each of the Reporting Persons disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities (except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein), and this report shall not be deemed an admission that either of them is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 13(d) or Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purposes.

(b) Percent of class:

5.11%

(c) Number of shares as to which the person has:

(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:

378,401

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

378,401

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than 5 percent of the class of securities, check the following " ".

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Not applicable.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not applicable.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not applicable.

Item 10. Certification.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 14, 2011

BHR Capital LLC

/s/ Steven A. Van Dyke

Name: Steven A. Van Dyke

Title: Co-Managing Partner

/s/ Steven A. Van Dyke

Steven A. Van Dyke

/s/ Michael N. Thompson

Michael N. Thompson

EXHIBIT 1

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

BHR Capital LLC, Steven A. Van Dyke and Michael N. Thompson in compliance with Rule 13d-1(k) of the Securities and Exchange Commission, hereby agree that the statement on Schedule 13G to which this Agreement is attached as an exhibit is, and any amendments thereto filed by any of us will be, filed on behalf of each such company, that each such company is responsible for the timely filing of the Schedule 13G and any amendments thereto and for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning such company contained therein.

Dated: February 14, 2011

BHR Capital LLC

/s/ Steven A. Van Dyke
Name: Steven A. Van Dyke
Title: Co-Managing Partner

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/s/ Michael N. Thompson
Michael N. Thompson

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