

AVENTINE RENEWABLE ENERGY HOLDINGS INC
Form SC 13G
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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Aventine Renewable Energy Holdings, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

05356X403

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2006

(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)

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1	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)	
	Aventine Renewable Energy Holdings LLC	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP	
	(a) <input type="radio"/>	
	(b) <input checked="" type="radio"/>	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	
	Delaware	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	5	SOLE VOTING POWER 11,833,495
	6	SHARED VOTING POWER 0
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 11,833,495
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 0
9	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 11,833,495	
10	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*	
	<input type="radio"/>	
11	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) 28.3%	
12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON CO	

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1	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY) Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Capital Partners IV, LP	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP <div style="text-align: right;"> <input type="radio"/> (a) <input checked="" type="radio"/> (b) </div>	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Delaware	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	5	SOLE VOTING POWER 0
	6	SHARED VOTING POWER 9,837,908
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 9,837,908
9	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 9,837,908	
10	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES* <div style="text-align: right;"><input type="radio"/></div>	
11	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) 23.5%	
12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON PN	

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1	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)	
	MSDW IV 892 Investors, L.P.	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP	
	(a) <input type="radio"/>	
	(b) <input checked="" type="radio"/>	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	
	Delaware	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	5	SOLE VOTING POWER
		0
	6	SHARED VOTING POWER
		839,340
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		0
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		839,340
9	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	
	839,340	
10	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*	
	<input type="radio"/>	
11	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)	
	2.0%	
12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON	
	PN	

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1	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)	
	Metalmark Capital LLC	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP	
	(a) <input type="radio"/>	
	(b) <input type="radio"/>	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	
	Delaware	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	5	SOLE VOTING POWER
		0
	6	SHARED VOTING POWER
		10,679,472
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		0
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		10,679,472
9	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	
	10,679,472	
10	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*	
	<input type="radio"/>	
11	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)	
	25.5%	
12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON	
	CO, IA	

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2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) <input type="radio"/> (b) <input checked="" type="radio"/>	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Delaware	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	5	SOLE VOTING POWER 0
	6	SHARED VOTING POWER 269,172
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 269,172
9	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 269,172	
10	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES* <input type="radio"/>	
11	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) 0.6%	
12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON PN	

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1	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY) MSDW Capital Partners IV LLC	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP <div style="text-align: right;">(a) <input type="checkbox"/></div> <div style="text-align: right;">(b) <input type="checkbox"/></div>	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Delaware	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	5	SOLE VOTING POWER 0
	6	SHARED VOTING POWER 269,172
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 269,172
9	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 269,172	
10	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES* <div style="text-align: right;">0</div>	
11	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) 0.6%	
12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON CO, IA	

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1	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)	
	MSDW Capital Partners IV, Inc.	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP	
	(a) <input type="radio"/>	
	(b) <input type="radio"/>	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	
	Delaware	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	5	SOLE VOTING POWER
		0
	6	SHARED VOTING POWER
		269,172
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		0
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		269,172
9	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	
	269,172	
10	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*	
	<input type="radio"/>	
11	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)	
	0.6%	
12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON	
	CO, IA	

Item 1(a). Name of Issuer:

Aventine Renewable Energy Holdings, Inc.

Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

1300 South 2nd Street, Pekin, Illinois, 61554

Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing:

See item 2(b) below.

Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence:

- (1) Aventine Renewable Energy Holdings LLC (["AVR LLC"])
c/o Metalmark Capital LLC
1177 Avenue of the Americas, 40th Floor
New York, NY 10036
- (2) Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Capital Partners IV, LP (["MSDW IV"])
c/o Metalmark Capital LLC
1177 Avenue of the Americas, 40th Floor
New York, NY 10036
- (3) MSDW IV 892 Investors, LP (["MSDW 892"])
c/o Metalmark Capital LLC
1177 Avenue of the Americas, 40th Floor
New York, NY 10036
- (4) Metalmark Capital LLC (["Metalmark"])
c/o Metalmark Capital LLC
1177 Avenue of the Americas, 40th Floor
New York, NY 10036
- (5) Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Capital Investors IV, L.P. (["MSDW Capital Investors"])
c/o Metalmark Capital LLC
1177 Avenue of the Americas, 40th Floor
New York, NY 10036
- (6) MSDW Capital Partners IV LLC (["MSDW Capital Partners"])
c/o Metalmark Capital LLC
1177 Avenue of the Americas, 40th Floor
New York, NY 10036
- (7) MSDW Capital Partners IV, Inc. (["MSDW Inc."])
c/o Metalmark Capital LLC
1177 Avenue of the Americas, 40th Floor
New York, NY 10036

Item 2(c). Citizenship:

See item 4 on Cover Pages to this Schedule 13G

Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share

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Item 2(e). CUSIP Number:

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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:

Not Applicable

- (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) 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) A parent holding company or control person in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h) A savings association 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:

See item 9 on Cover Pages to this Schedule 13G

MSDW IV may be deemed to indirectly beneficially own 9,837,908 shares of the reported securities and MSDW 892, may be deemed to indirectly beneficially own 839,340 shares of the reported securities, in each case by virtue of their direct ownership interest in AVR LLC. Metalmark may be deemed to have beneficial ownership of the 10,679,472 shares of the reported securities, including the 10,677,248 shares indirectly beneficially owned by MSDW IV and MSDW 892.

MSDW Capital Investors may be deemed to indirectly beneficially own 269,172 shares of the reported securities through its direct ownership interest in AVR LLC. MSDW Capital Partners is the general partner of MSDW Capital Investors. MSDW Inc. is the institutional managing member of MSDW Capital Partners. By virtue of these relationships, each of MSDW Capital Partners and MSDW Inc. may be deemed to have beneficial ownership of the 269,172 shares of the reported securities indirectly beneficially owned by MSDW Capital Investors.

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MSDW IV, MSDW 892, MSDW Capital Investors, MSDW Capital Partners, MSDW Inc. and Metalmark each disclaim beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of their pecuniary interests therein.

(b) Percent of class:

See item 11 on Cover Pages to this Schedule 13G.

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

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

See item 5 on Cover Pages to this Schedule 13G.

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

See item 6 on Cover Pages to this Schedule 13G.

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

See item 7 on Cover Pages to this Schedule 13G.

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

See item 8 on Cover Pages to this Schedule 13G

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

Not Applicable

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

None

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company.

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. Certifications.

Not Applicable

SIGNATURE

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.

February 13, 2007

(Date)

/s/ Kenneth F. Clifford

By: Kenneth F. Clifford, as authorized
signatory of Aventine Renewable Energy
Holdings LLC

/s/ Kenneth F. Clifford

By: Kenneth F. Clifford, as authorized
signatory of Metalmark

/s/ Kenneth F. Clifford

By: Kenneth F. Clifford, Chief Financial
Officer of Metalmark, as attorney-in-fact for,
MSDW Capital Partners and MSDW Inc.
and for the institutional managing member of
the general partner of each of MSDW IV,
MSDW 892, and MSDW Capital Investors

Attention: Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute Federal criminal violations (see 18 U.S.C. 1001).