

AVENTINE RENEWABLE ENERGY HOLDINGS INC
Form 8-K
July 26, 2011

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **July 26, 2011 (July 20, 2011)**

AVENTINE RENEWABLE ENERGY HOLDINGS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its Certificate of Incorporation)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

001-32922
(Commission File Number)

05-0569368
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**One Lincoln Centre
5400 LBJ Freeway, Suite 450
Dallas, TX**
(Address of principal executive offices)

75240
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(214) 451-6750**

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On July 21, 2011, John W. Castle, the Chief Financial Officer of Aventine Renewable Energy Holdings, Inc. (the Company), was appointed as Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer of the Company. In connection with the appointment, Mr. Castle's yearly salary was increased to \$410,000.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

Business Outlook

On April 27, 2011, the Company temporarily shut down its dry mill plant in Aurora, Nebraska (NELLC) to make some improvements to the fermentation process at the facility. The Company completed the improvements and expects to restart operations at the facility during the week of July 25, 2011, subject to market conditions at such time.

Forward Looking Statements

Certain information included in this current report on Form 8-K may be deemed to be forward looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. In some cases, you can identify these statements by forward-looking words such as may, might, will, should, expect, plan, anticipate, believe, estimate, predict, and the negatives of these terms and other comparable terminology. These forward-looking statements, which are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and assumptions about us, may include the timing of restarting operations at our Aurora, Nebraska dry mill plant, projections of our future financial performance based on our growth strategies and anticipated trends in our business. These statements are only predictions based on our current expectations and projections about future events. There are important factors that could cause our actual results, level of activity, performance or achievements to differ materially from the results, level of activity, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements.

Some of the factors that may cause the Company's actual results, developments and business decisions to differ materially from those contemplated by such forward looking statements include our ability to obtain and maintain normal terms with vendors and service providers, our estimates of allowed general unsecured claims, unliquidated and contingent claims and estimations of future distributions of securities and allocations of securities among various categories of claim holders, our ability to maintain contracts that are critical to our operations, our ability to attract and retain customers, our ability to fund and execute our business plan and any ethanol plant expansion or completion projects, our ability to receive or renew permits to construct or commence operations of our capacity additions or other facilities in a timely manner, or at all, laws, tariffs, trade or other controls or enforcement practices applicable to our operations, changes in weather and general economic conditions, overcapacity within the ethanol, biodiesel and petroleum refining industries, availability and costs of products and raw materials, particularly corn, coal and natural gas and the subsequent impact on margins, our

ability to raise additional capital and secure additional financing, our ability to service our debt or comply with our debt covenants, our ability to attract, motivate and retain key employees, liability resulting from actual or potential future litigation or the outcome of any litigation with respect to our auction rate securities or otherwise, and plant shutdowns or disruptions.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereto duly authorized.

Dated: July 26, 2011

AVENTINE RENEWABLE ENERGY HOLDINGS, INC.

By:

/s/ Calvin Stewart

Name: Calvin Stewart

Title: Chief Accounting and Compliance Officer