

AVENTINE RENEWABLE ENERGY HOLDINGS INC  
Form 8-K  
March 20, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**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): **March 20, 2012**

**AVENTINE RENEWABLE ENERGY HOLDINGS, INC.**

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State of incorporation or  
organization)

**001-32922**  
(Commission File Number)

**05-0569368**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification  
No.)

**One Lincoln Centre**  
**5400 LBJ Freeway, Suite 450**

**Dallas, TX 75240**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

**(214) 451-6750**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**N/A**

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 Principal Officers; Election of Directors Appointment of Principal Officers.**

On March 19, 2012, Aventine Renewable Energy Holdings, Inc. (the Company ) and Ben Borgen ( Mr. Borgen ), Senior Vice President, Commodity Risk Management of the Company, entered into a separation agreement (the Separation Agreement ), pursuant to which Mr. Borgen has resigned from all positions held with the Company and its affiliates effective immediately. Under the terms of the Separation Agreement, Mr. Borgen will receive, among other things, (i) a termination payment of \$700,000, which will be paid to Mr. Borgen within thirty (30) days following his departure and (ii) 22,596 shares of the Company's common stock, which will be delivered to Mr. Borgen within thirty (30) days following his departure. In addition, Mr. Borgen will receive 26,666 shares of the Company's common stock in respect of his previously-vested restricted stock units, which will be settled six (6) months following his departure. Mr. Borgen has previously vested in 42,750 stock options, which will remain exercisable for thirty (30) days following his departure. Mr. Borgen's unvested stock options and all hybrid equity units, whether vested or unvested, have terminated effective immediately.

The foregoing is a summary of the terms of the Separation Agreement and is qualified in its entirety by the full Separation Agreement which is filed herewith as Exhibit 10.1.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
10.1	Separation Agreement between the Company and Ben Borgen, dated as of March 19, 2012.

**SIGNATURES**

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 hereunto duly authorized.

AVENTINE RENEWABLE ENERGY HOLDINGS, INC.

By:	/s/ Calvin Stewart	
	Name:	Calvin Stewart
	Title:	Chief Financial Officer

Date: March 20, 2012