# Information to identify the case:

Debtor: Vertex Energy, Inc., et al. EIN: 94-3439569

Name

United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas

Date case filed for Chapter 11:

Case Number: 24-90507 (CML) September 24, 2024

Official Form 309F1 (For Corporations or Partnerships)

# **Notice of Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case**

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For the debtor listed above, a case has been filed under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. An order for relief has been entered.

This notice has important information about the case for creditors and debtors, including information about the meeting of creditors and deadlines. Read both pages carefully.

The filing of the case imposed an automatic stay against most collection activities. This means that creditors generally may not take action to collect debts from the debtor or the debtor's property. For example, while the stay is in effect, creditors cannot sue, assert a deficiency, repossess property, or otherwise try to collect from the debtor. Creditors cannot demand repayment from the debtor by mail, phone, or otherwise. Creditors who violate the stay can be required to pay actual and punitive damages and attorney's fees.

Confirmation of a chapter 11 plan may result in a discharge of debt. A creditor who wants to have a particular debt excepted from discharge may be required to file a complaint in the bankruptcy clerk's office within the deadline specified in this notice. (See line 11 below for more information.)

To protect your rights, consult an attorney. All documents filed in the case may be inspected at the bankruptcy clerk's office at the address listed below or through PACER (Public Access to Court Electronic Records at <a href="https://pacer.uscourts.gov">https://pacer.uscourts.gov</a>).

The staff of the bankruptcy clerk's office cannot give legal advice.

Do not file this notice with any proof of claim or other filing in the case.

 Debtors' full name: <u>See chart below</u>. List of Jointly Administered Cases

NO.	DEBTOR	ADDRESS	CASE NO.	EIN#
1	Vertex Energy, Inc.	1331 Gemini Street, Suite 250 Houston, TX 77058	24-90507	94-3439569
2	Bango Oil LLC	4601 W. Sahara Avenue, Suite L Las Vegas, NV 89102	24-90508	20-3898855
3	Cedar Marine Terminals, LP	2323 Clear Lake City Blvd. No. 180 - 184 Houston, Texas, 77062	24-90509	33-1119617
4	Crossroad Carriers, L.P.	2323 Clear Lake City Blvd. No. 180 - 184 Houston, Texas, 77062	24-90510	68-0655641
5	Crystal Energy, LLC	2311 Highland South Avenue Birmingham, Alabama 35205	24-90511	81-3789327
6	H&H Oil, L.P.	2323 Clear Lake City Blvd. No. 180 - 184 Houston, Texas, 77062	24-90512	26-0678070
7	HPRM LLC	4001 E. 5th Avenue Columbus, OH 43219	24-90513	83-3670623
8	Tensile-Heartland Acquisition Corporation	1209 Orange Street Wilmington, Delaware 19801	24-90514	84-2360638
9	Tensile-Myrtle Grove Acquisition Corporation	1209 Orange Street Wilmington, Delaware 19801	24-90515	84-2375079

10	Vertex Acquisition Sub, LLC	1331 Gemini Street, Suite 250 Houston, TX 77058	24-90516	46-0848130
11	Vertex Energy Operating, LLC	1331 Gemini Street, Suite 250 Houston, TX 77058	24-90506	46-5235228
12	Vertex II GP, LLC	1331 Gemini Street, Suite 250 Houston, TX 77058	24-90521	46-0867237
13	Vertex Marine Fuel Services LLC	108 W. 13th Street Wilmington, Delaware 19801	24-90518	88-3991565
14	Vertex Merger Sub, LLC	1331 Gemini Street, Suite 250 Houston, TX 77058	24-90519	94-3439569
15	Vertex Recovery Management, LLC	1331 Gemini Street, Suite 250 Houston, TX 77058	24-90520	47-4736381
16	Vertex Recovery, L.P.	2323 Clear Lake City Blvd. No. 180 - 184 Houston, Texas, 77062	24-90517	81-0562942
17	Vertex Refining Alabama LLC	108 W. 13th Street Wilmington, Delaware 19801	24-90522	38-4179507
18	Vertex Refining LA, LLC	5616 Corporate Blvd. Suite 400B Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808	24-90523	46-5101732
19	Vertex Refining Myrtle Grove LLC	1331 Gemini Street, Suite 250 Houston, TX 77058	24-90524	83-3714295
20	Vertex Refining NV, LLC	9107 West Russell Road Suite 100 Las Vegas, NV, 89148	24-90525	46-5117656
21	Vertex Refining Texas LLC	1331 Gemini Street, Suite 250 Houston, TX 77058	24-90526	92-0270847
22	Vertex Renewables Alabama LLC	108 W. 13th Street Wilmington, Delaware 19801	24-90527	88-4363896
23	Vertex Renewables LLC	108 W. 13th Street Wilmington, Delaware 19801	24-90528	92-1258314
24	Vertex Splitter Corporation	108 W. 13th Street Wilmington, Delaware 19801	24-90529	84-2358505

# 2. All other names used in the last 8 years: See Rider 1.

# 3. Address: See chart above.

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Debtors' notice and claims agent (for court documents and case information inquiries):

#### Case Website:

https://www.veritaglobal.net/vertex

Email: VertexEnergyInfo@veritaglobal.com

**Telephone**: (877) 709-4747 (Toll-free)

+1 (424) 236-7228 (International)

# If by First-Class Mail:

Vertex Energy Claims Processing Center c/o KCC dba Verita Global LLC 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300 El Segundo, CA 90245

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and Debtors in Possession

# 5. Bankruptcy Clerk's Office

Documents in this case may be filed at this address.

You may inspect all records

online at www.pacer.gov

filed in this case at this office or

United States Courthouse 515 Rusk Avenue Houston, Texas 77002

All documents in this case are available free of charge on the website of the Debtors' notice and claims agent at <a href="https://www.veritaglobal.net/vertex">https://www.veritaglobal.net/vertex</a>

6. Meeting of Creditors

October 31, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. (prevailing Central Time)

t 10:00 a.m. Location: Time) Telephone Conference Call

> Dial: (866) 707-5468 Code: 6166997#

The debtor's representative must attend the meeting to be questioned under oath. Creditors may attend, but are not required to do so.

The meeting may be continued or adjourned to a later date. If so, the date will be on the court docket.

7. Proof of Claim Deadline:

Deadline for filing proof of claim:

Not yet set. A deadline will be set by court order; you will receive another notice when the deadline is set.

Hours Open: Monday - Friday

Contact phone: 713-250-5500

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM CT

A proof of claim is a signed statement describing a creditor's claim. A proof of claim form may be obtained at  $\underline{www.uscourts.gov}$  or any bankruptcy clerk's office.

Your claim will be allowed in the amount scheduled unless:

- Your claim is designated as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated;
- You file a proof of claim in a different amount; or
- You receive another notice.

If your claim is not scheduled or if your claim is designated as *disputed*, *contingent*, or *unliquidated*, you must file a proof of claim or you might not be paid on your claim and you might be unable to vote on a plan. You may file a proof of claim even if your claim is scheduled.

		You may review the schedules at the bankruptcy clerk's office or online at <a href="https://pacer.uscourts.gov">https://pacer.uscourts.gov</a> .
		Secured creditors retain rights in their collateral regardless of whether they file a proof of claim. Filing a proof of claim submits a creditor to the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court, with consequences a lawyer can explain. For example, a secured creditor who files a proof of claim may surrender important nonmonetary rights, including the right to a jury trial.
8.	Exception to discharge deadline	If § 523(c) applies to your claim and you seek to have it excepted from discharge, you must start a judicial proceeding by filing a complaint by the deadline stated below.
	The bankruptcy clerk's office must receive a complaint and any required filing fee by the following deadline.	Deadline for filing the complaint: Not applicable
9.	Creditors with a foreign address	If you are a creditor receiving notice mailed to a foreign address, you may file a motion asking the court to extend the deadlines in this notice. Consult an attorney familiar with United States bankruptcy law if you have any questions about your rights in this case.
10.	Filing a Chapter 11 bankruptcy case	Chapter 11 allows debtors to reorganize or liquidate according to a plan. A plan is not effective unless the court confirms it. You may receive a copy of the plan and a disclosure statement telling you about the plan, and you may have the opportunity to vote on the plan. You will receive notice of the date of the confirmation hearing, and you may object to confirmation of the plan and attend the confirmation hearing. Unless a trustee is serving, the debtor will remain in possession of the property and may continue to operate its business.
11.	Discharge of debts	Confirmation of a chapter 11 plan may result in a discharge of debts, which may include all or part of your debt. See 11 U.S.C. § 1141(d). A discharge means that creditors may never try to collect the debt from the debtor except as provided in the plan. If you want to have a particular debt owed to you excepted from the discharge and § 523(c) applies to your claim, you must start a judicial proceeding by filing a complaint and paying the filing fee in the bankruptcy clerk's office by the deadline.

# Rider 1 Other Names Used in the Last 8 Years

Current Entity Name	Former Entity Name
Crystal Energy, LLC	H&H Waste Oil Incorporated, H&H Oil
Vertex Merger Sub, LLC	World Waste Technologies Inc.
Vertex Recovery, L.P.	NickCo Recycling
H & H Oil, L.P.	H&H Oil Recovery Services