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 WILLIAMS ETHANOL SERVICES, INC.
 1300 South Second Street
 Pekin, IL 61554
 Individual(s) Association
 General Partnership Limited Partnership
 Corporation-Delaware
 Other _____
 Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached?
 Yes No

3. Nature of conveyance:
 Assignment Merger
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 Other Nunc pro tunc assignment effective May 30, 2003
 Execution Date: November 6, 2003

4. Application number(s) or registration number(s):
 A. Trademark Application No.(s) 76/513,723
 Additional numbers attached? Yes No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:
 PENNIE & EDMONDS LLP
 1155 Avenue of the Americas
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 Attn: Jennifer A. Hamilton
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2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):
 Name: AVENTINE RENEWABLE ENERGY, INC.
 Internal Address _____
 Street Address 1300 South Second Street
 City Pekin State IL ZIP 61554
 Individual(s) citizenship _____
 Association _____
 General Partnership _____
 Limited Partnership _____
 Corporation- Delaware
 Other _____
 If assignee is not domiciled in the United States, a domestic representative designation is attached: Yes No
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 Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? Yes No

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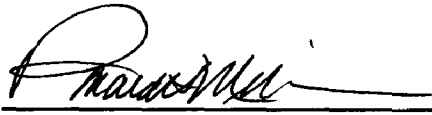
ASSIGNMENT OF TRADEMARK

WHEREAS WILLIAMS ETHANOL SERVICES, INC., a Delaware corporation, 1300 South Second Street, Pekin, IL 61554 ("Williams"), is the owner of the trademark AVENTINE and owns the intent to use trademark application, Serial No. 76-513,723, filed in the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 13, 2003, together with the goodwill of the business connected with and symbolized by said trademark;

WHEREAS, Aventine Renewable Energy, Inc. (hereinafter "Aventine"), a Delaware corporation, with a principal place of business at 1300 S. 2nd Street, Pekin, IL 61554, is desirous of acquiring said rights in the trademark AVENTINE and the application therefor, together with the goodwill of the business connected with and symbolized by said trademark;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Williams does hereby assign nunc pro tunc, effective May 30, 2003, unto Aventine, all right, title and interest in and to the AVENTINE trademark and the trademark application, Serial No. 76-513,723, for same, together with the entire business and goodwill to which the marks pertain and the right to sue for any past infringement.

Dated: 11/06/2003

By: 
WILLIAMS ETHANOL SERVICES, INC.,
Name: Ronald H. Miller
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