# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

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In re:	) Chapter 11
VERTEX ENERGY, INC., et al.,1	) Case No. 24-90507 (CML)
Debtors.	) (Joint Administration Requested))
NOTICE OF DESIGNATION AS COMPLEX	K CHAPTER 11 BANKRUPTCY CASE
On September 24, 2024 (the "Petition Date"	), the above-captioned debtors and debtors in
possession (collectively, the "Debtors") filed volu	untary petitions for relief under title 11 of
the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code")	in the United States Bankruptcy Court for
the Southern District of Texas (the "Court"). The	undersigned proposed counsel believes that
these chapter 11 cases qualify as complex chapter 1	1 cases because:
X the Debtors have total debt of more the	nan \$10 million;
X there are more than 50 parties in inter	rest in this case;
X claims against the Debtors are publicl	ly traded; and/or
other (Substantial explanation is requi	ired. Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

A complete list of each of the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' proposed claims and noticing agent at <a href="https://www.veritaglobal.net/vertex">https://www.veritaglobal.net/vertex</a>. The location of Debtor Vertex Energy, Inc.'s corporate headquarters and the Debtors' service address in these chapter 11 cases is 1331 Gemini Street, Suite 250, Houston, Texas 77058.

The Debtors request that the Court enter an order granting the relief requested herein and such other relief as the Court deems appropriate under the circumstances.

Houston, Texas September 24, 2024

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## **Certificate of Service**

I certify that on September 24, 2024, I caused a copy of the foregoing document to be served by the Electronic Case Filing System for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas.

/s/ Jason Cohen Jason G. Cohen

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	) Re: Docket No.
Debtors.	) (Joint Administration Requested)
VERTEX ENERGY, INC., et al.,1	) Case No. 24-90507 (CML)
In re:	) Chapter 11

### ORDER GRANTING COMPLEX CHAPTER 11 BANKRUPTCY CASE TREATMENT

These jointly-administered cases were filed on September 24, 2024. A *Notice of Designation as Complex Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case* was filed. Based on its review of the initial pleadings, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the "Court") concludes that the complex chapter 11 case designation is appropriate. Accordingly, the Court orders:

- 1. The Procedures for Complex Chapter 11 Cases in the Southern District of Texas apply to these cases. The procedures are posted on the Court's website. Compliance with the procedures is required.
- 2. The Debtors must give notice of this order to all parties in interest within seven days. If a party in interest objects to the provisions of this order, that party may file an appropriate motion within fourteen (14) days after service of this order.
- 3. The Bankruptcy Local Rules of the Southern District of Texas (the "Bankruptcy Local Rules") apply to this case, subject to the following modifications:

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- a. Bankruptcy Local Rule 1001-1(b) does not apply.
- b. Local District Court Civil Rule 83.1 applies.
- c. Appendix A to the Local Rules of the District Court applies.
- d. If a conflict exists between the Bankruptcy Local Rules and the Procedures for Complex Chapter 11 Cases in the Southern District of Texas, the Procedures for Complex Chapter 11 Cases in the Southern District of Texas govern.

Houston, Texas	
Dated: , 2024	
	CHRISTOPHER M. LOPEZ
	UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE