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September 25, 2024

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

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

In re:

VERTEX ENERGY, INC., *et al.*,<sup>1</sup>

Debtors.

)  
) Chapter 11  
)  
) Case No. 24-90507 (CML)  
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) (Jointly Administered)  
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) **Re: Docket No. 25****ORDER AUTHORIZING THE DEBTORS TO REDACT  
AND FILE THE CONFIDENTIAL INTERMEDIATION EXHIBITS UNDER SEAL**

Upon the motion (the “Sealing Motion”)<sup>2</sup> of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”) for entry of an order (this “Order”): (a) authorizing the Debtors to redact and file the Confidential Intermediation Exhibits under seal, (b) directing that the unredacted Confidential Intermediation Exhibits shall remain under seal and confidential and not be made available to anyone, without the prior written consent of each of, as applicable, the Debtors and Macquarie, except to (i) the Court, (ii) the U.S. Trustee, (iii) the counsel and financial advisors to any statutory committee that may be appointed in these cases (on a confidential and professional eyes only basis), (iv) the Consenting Term Loan Lenders and counsel thereto, (v) the DIP Lenders and counsel thereto and (vi) any other party as may be ordered by the Court or agreed to by the Debtors, in each case under appropriate confidentiality agreements reasonably satisfactory to, as applicable, the Debtors and Macquarie that preserve the confidentiality of the Confidential Intermediation Exhibits (and any information derived therefrom), and (c) granting

<sup>1</sup> 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 <https://www.veritaglobal.net/vertex>. 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.

<sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Sealing Motion.



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related relief; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334; and this Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b), and this Court having found that it may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Sealing Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1408; and this Court having found that the relief requested in the Sealing Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and this Court having found that the Debtors' notice of the Sealing Motion and opportunity for a hearing on the Sealing Motion were appropriate under the circumstances and no other notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Sealing Motion and having heard the statements in support of the relief requested therein; and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Sealing Motion establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Debtors are authorized to redact and file under seal unredacted copies of the Confidential Intermediation Exhibits. Each of the unredacted Confidential Intermediation Exhibits shall remain confidential, and shall not be made available to anyone, other than as provided in paragraph 2 of this Order, without the prior written consent of the Debtors and Macquarie, or further order of the Court.

2. The Debtors are authorized to cause each of the unredacted copies of the Confidential Intermediation Exhibits to be served on and made available, on a confidential basis, to: (a) the Court; (b) the U.S. Trustee; (c) counsel and financial advisors to any statutory committee that may be appointed in these cases (on a confidential and professionals' eyes only basis); (d) the Consenting Term Loan Lenders and counsel thereto, (e) the DIP Lenders and counsel thereto, and

and (f) any other party as may be ordered by the Court or agreed to by the Debtors and Macquarie, in each case under appropriate confidentiality agreements reasonably satisfactory to the Debtors and Macquarie, that preserve the confidentiality of the applicable Confidential Intermediation Exhibit (and any information derived therefrom).

3. The Debtors and any party authorized to receive any of the Confidential Intermediation Exhibits shall be authorized and directed, subject to Bankruptcy Local Rule 9037-1, to redact specific references to the information set forth therein from pleadings filed on the public docket maintained in these chapter 11 cases.

4. The terms and conditions of this Order are immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

5. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Order in accordance with the Sealing Motion.

6. This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.

Signed: September 25, 2024

  
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Christopher Lopez  
United States Bankruptcy Judge