

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

In re:	)	
	)	Chapter 11
VERTEX ENERGY, INC., <i>et al.</i> , <sup>1</sup>	)	
	)	Case No. 24-90507 (CML)
Reorganized Debtors.	)	(Jointly Administered)
	)	
	)	<b>Re: Docket No 724</b>

**CERTIFICATE OF NO OBJECTION  
WITH RESPECT TO THE FIRST AND FINAL  
FEE APPLICATION OF KIRKLAND & ELLIS LLP  
AND KIRKLAND & ELLIS INTERNATIONAL LLP, ATTORNEYS  
FOR THE DEBTORS AND DEBTORS IN POSSESSION, FOR THE FEE PERIOD  
FROM SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 THROUGH AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 20, 2024**

Pursuant to the *Procedures for Complex Cases in the Southern District of Texas* (the “Complex Rules”), the undersigned counsel for the above-captioned debtors (collectively, the “Reorganized Debtors,” and, before the Effective Date, the “Debtors”) certifies as follows:

1. On March 3, 2025, the Reorganized Debtors filed the *First and Final Fee Application of Kirkland & Ellis LLP and Kirkland & Ellis International LLP, Attorneys for the Debtors and Debtors in Possession, for the Fee Period from September 24, 2024, Through and Including December 20, 2024* [Docket No. 724] (the “Kirkland Fee Application”), seeking entry of a proposed final order in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (the “Proposed Order”).<sup>2</sup>

2. The deadline to file objections and responses to the Kirkland Fee Application was March 24, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time).

<sup>1</sup> A complete list of each of the Reorganized Debtors in these chapter 11 cases may be obtained on the website of the Reorganized Debtors’ claims and noticing agent at <https://www.veritaglobal.net/vertex>. The location of Reorganized Debtor Vertex Energy, Inc.’s corporate headquarters and the Reorganized 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 shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Kirkland Fee Application.



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3. Pursuant to paragraph 44 of the Complex Rules, the undersigned represents to the Court that the Reorganized Debtors are unaware of any objection to the Kirkland Fee Application, and that counsel has reviewed the Court's docket, and that no objection or response appears thereon.

4. The Reorganized Debtors therefore request that the Court enter the Proposed Order.

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Houston, Texas  
March 25, 2025

/s/ Jason G. Cohen

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**Certificate of Service**

I certify that, on March 25, 2025, 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 G. Cohen

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**Exhibit A**  
**Proposed Order**

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**ORDER ALLOWING COMPENSATION AND  
REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED BY KIRKLAND & ELLIS  
LLP AND KIRKLAND & ELLIS INTERNATIONAL LLP AS ATTORNEYS  
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The Court has considered the *First and Final Fee Application of Kirkland & Ellis LLP and Kirkland & Ellis International LLP, Attorneys for the Debtors and Debtors in Possession, for the Final Fee Period from September 24, 2024 Through and Including December 20, 2024* (the “Application”)<sup>2</sup> filed by Kirkland & Ellis LLP and Kirkland & Ellis International LLP (the “Applicant”) and, based on the Court’s examination of the record in these bankruptcy cases, including (a) the First Day Declaration [Docket No. 18]; (b) the declarations filed in support of the Applicant’s retention [Docket Nos. 236, 529, 633] and the Application [Exhibit A to the Application]; and (c) the evidence presented and the statements made by counsel and the Court at the hearings with respect to (i) the first day pleadings and DIP Financing on September 25, 2024

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and October 29, 2024 [Docket Nos. 122, 383] and (ii) the confirmation of the Plan on December 20, 2024 [Docket No. 628], **THE COURT FINDS THAT:**

A. In making the following findings, the Court has considered the novelty and difficulty of the questions, issues, and problems addressed by the Applicant's services through its representation of the Debtors during these bankruptcy cases.

B. The time that the Applicant spent on services provided under the Application was reasonable and necessary based on the complexity, importance, and nature of these bankruptcy cases.

C. The billing rates that the Applicant charged are comparable to and reasonable based on rates charged by other professionals with similar experience and expertise in the Southern District of Texas.

D. The services provided by the Applicant were necessary to the administration of these bankruptcy cases.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Applicant is allowed compensation and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$7,436,540.75 for the period set forth in the Application.

2. The compensation and reimbursement of expenses allowed in this order and all previous interim allowances of compensation and reimbursement of expenses are approved on a final basis.

3. The Reorganized Debtors are authorized to disburse any unpaid amounts allowed by paragraphs 1 or 2 of this order.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

CHRISTOPHER M. LOPEZ  
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE