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Company name in full FUTUREFUEL RENEWABLES PLC

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2 Court details

Court name In the High Court of Justice, Business and Property Courts
of England and Wales,

Court case number C R - 2 0 2 2 - 0 0 0 7 9 0

3 Administrator's name

Full forename(s) Ben

Surname Woodthorpe

4 Administrator's address

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County/Region

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Country United Kingdom

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5 Administrator's name ¹

Full forename(s)	Cameron	1 Other administrator Use this section to tell us about another administrator.
Surname	Gunn	

6 Administrator's address ²

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7 Appointor/applicant's name

	Give the name of the person who made the appointment or the administration application.	
Full forename(s)	Robert Daniel	
Surname	Hart	

8 Proposed liquidator's name

Full forename(s)	Ben	
Surname	Woodthorpe	
Insolvency practitioner number	1 8 3 7 0	

9 Proposed liquidator's address

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Surname	Gunn
Insolvency practitioner number	9 3 6 2

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12 Period of progress report

From date	^d 1 ^d 7 ^m 0 ^m 9 ^y 2 ^y 0 ^y 2 ^y 3
To date	^d 0 ^d 3 ^m 0 ^m 3 ^y 2 ^y 0 ^y 2 ^y 4

13 Final progress report

I have attached a copy of the final progress report.

14 Sign and date

Administrator's signature	Signature X <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i> X
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FutureFuel Renewables PLC
In Administration (the “Company”)

Joint Administrators’ final progress report
For the period 17 September 2023 to 3 March 2024

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1. INTRODUCTION

As you may be aware, Cameron Gunn and I were appointed as Joint Administrators of the Company on 17 March 2022.

This report is my final report relating to the Administration and covers the period from 17 September 2023 to 3 March 2024 (the "Reporting Period"). This report should be read in conjunction with our previous Progress Reports dated 13 October 2022, 14 April 2023 and 12 October 2023 and our Proposals ("Proposals") dated 6 May 2022. Hard copies of these documents are available on request to this office, free of charge.

Please note, following registration of this report by Companies House, the Administration will end, and the Company will be placed into Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation ("CVL"), with Cameron Gunn and I as Joint Liquidators.

Please find enclosed the statutory information relating to the Company at **Appendix I**.

By way of a reminder, on 17 March 2022 Cameron Gunn and I were also appointed as Joint Administrators of the following companies in the FutureFuel group (together, the "Operational Companies"):

- FutureFuel Operations Limited ("Operations");
- FutureFuel Operations (127) Limited ("Operations 127");
- FutureFuel Operations (214) Limited ("Operations 214"); and
- FutureFuel Operations (214B) Limited ("Operations 214B").

Additionally, Simon Jagger and Mark Supperstone of ReSolve were appointed as Joint Administrators of FutureFuel Renewables II PLC ("II PLC") on 8 April 2022.

The Administrations of Operations, Operations 214 and II PLC were extended and will automatically end on 16 March 2024 (Operations, Operations 214) or 7 April 2024 (II PLC), unless further extensions should be required.

The Administrators of Operations have applied to Court to obtain a further extension of the Administration, with the associated hearing due to take place on 8 March 2024.

A final Administration report is also being issued in relation to Operations 214, such that it will also move to CVL shortly. The Administrators of II PLC have confirmed that II PLC will also move to CVL.

The Administrations of Operations 127 and Operations 214B have previously concluded.

To confirm, this report relates solely to the Company. The Administrators of the other group companies report to the creditors of those companies separately.

2. SUMMARY OF THE ADMINISTRATORS' PROPOSALS

The Joint Administrators Proposals, which were delivered to creditors on 4 April 2022, were approved by creditors following a decision procedure by deemed consent on 24 May 2022.

In order to achieve the objective we set out in the Proposals (objective (b) of The Insolvency Act 1986), Cameron Gunn and I formally proposed to creditors that (please note, the following is an extract from the Proposals):

- a) We continue to manage the business, affairs, and property of the Company in order to achieve the purpose of the Administration. In particular that we:
 - (i) Investigate and, if appropriate, pursue any claims that the Company may have against any person, firm or company whether in contract or otherwise, including any officer or former officer of the Company or any person, firm or company which supplies or has supplied goods or services to the Company; and
 - (ii) Do all such things and generally exercise all their powers as Administrators as we consider desirable or expedient at our discretion in order to achieve the purpose of the Administration or protect and preserve the assets of the Company or maximise the realisations of those assets, or of any purpose incidental to these proposals

- b) It is proposed that the Administration of the Company will end by filing notice of dissolution with the Registrar of companies. The company will then automatically be dissolved by the registrar of companies three months after the notice is registered; or
- c) If there are funds available to make a distribution to unsecured creditors (not by way of the Prescribed part) the Administration will end by placing the Company into Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation and propose that Ben Woodthorpe and Cameron Gunn are appointed Joint Liquidators of the company and that we be authorised to act either jointly or separately in undertaking our duties as Liquidators. Creditors may nominate a different person as the proposed Liquidators, but they must make the nominations at any time after these proposals are delivered to them, but before they are approved; or
- d) the Administration will end by the presentation of a winding up petition to the Court for the compulsory liquidation of the company and propose that Ben Woodthorpe and Cameron Gunn are appointed Joint Liquidators of the Company by the Court; or
- e) the Administration of the Company will end by making an application to Court for an order that the Administration ceases; or
- f) the Administration of the Company will end by giving notice to the Court, creditors and Registrar of Companies that the objective of the Administration has been achieved.

3. STEPS TAKEN DURING THE ADMINISTRATION

A summary of actions taken immediately following our appointment as Administrators of the Company is provided below:

- Issued initial statutory notifications required following our appointment;
- Wrote to the Company's pre-appointment bankers to provide notice of our appointment and requested the transfer of any credit balances;
- Liaised with our bankers, HSBC UK Bank plc ("HSBC") in relation to the opening of an Administration bank account for the Company;
- Liaised with creditors and bondholders regarding claims and enquiries;
- Set up a dedicated microsite, email address and phone line for creditors/bondholders; and
- Drafted and circulated the Joint Administrators' Proposals to members and creditors.

In addition to the above, the following actions have also been undertaken since our appointment as Joint Administrators (and prior to the Reporting Period). Please note, some actions we have taken relating to our investigations have not been included due to the potentially sensitive and confidential nature of such actions:

- Contacted other pre-appointment bankers identified relating to bank accounts potentially relating to the Company, and provided them with notice of our appointment;
- Communicated with the Company's directors in relation to information required for the Administration;
- Liaised with the directors in relation to the submission of the Statement of Affairs ("SOA") and their questionnaires;
- Carried out initial and statutory investigations into the directors' conduct and affairs of the Company, including the preparation and submission of our confidential report to the Insolvency Service;
- Reviewed financial information received from the Company, and conducted further detailed investigations regarding certain matters that may result in the return of funds to the Company;
- Organised, scheduled and reviewed all books and records received from the Company;
- Dealt with various third-party approaches to bondholders, including correspondence with bondholders and appropriate reporting regarding these approaches;

- Made a Court application to validate our appointment;
- Made an application to Court to validate our redaction of bondholder details from publicly available documents;
- Arranged for the formation of the Creditors' Committee ("the Committee");
- Convened an initial meeting with the Committee, and organised for various decisions to be voted upon;
- Dealt with the day-to-day progress of the case including dealing with our statutory duties associated with the Administration;
- Liaised and met with the Creditors' Committee in relation to the progress of the Administration;
- Obtained bank statements and carried out analysis of the transactions through the Company's pre-appointment bank accounts, held with the following banks:
 - Santander UK plc ("Santander"); and
 - National Westminster Bank plc ("NatWest").
- Liaised with the Administrators of Operations in relation to the charge held by the Company;
- Presented findings from our investigations to solicitors, HCR Sprecher Grier ("HCR") and later, Kingsley Napley LLP ("Kingsley Napley") and liaised with them in this regard;
- Sought the extension of the Administration of the Company and issued the associated notification to creditors; and
- Prepared and issued our previous progress reports to creditors.

A following is a summary of the key action taken during the Reporting Period:

- Liaised with the Administrators of Operations in relation to sums due to the Company, and the floating charge distribution received in this regard;
- Liaised with the Administrators of Operations regarding their approach to litigation funders with the findings of our joint investigations;
- Finalising scheduling and boxing-up of the Company's books and records, before organising for collection and storage with Business Storage Solutions Ltd t/a ImageStor ("ImageStor");
- Prepared this final progress report to creditors in the Administration and arranged for submission of forms to Companies House and the Court to end the Administration and place the Company into Liquidation;
- Continued to liaise with unsecured creditors regarding claims and enquiries; and
- Addressed the statutory duties associated with this Administration.

4. OUTCOME OF THE ADMINISTRATION

The purpose of an Administration is to achieve one of the three objectives set out in the insolvency legislation, which are to:

- (a) rescue the Company as a going concern; or
- (b) achieve a better result for the Company's creditors as a whole than would be likely if the Company were wound up (without first being in administration); or
- (c) realise the Company's assets to pay a dividend to secured or preferential creditors.

Objective (a) could not be achieved as no purchaser could be found for the shares of the Company and the nature of the Company's trading and its financial circumstances meant that a Company Voluntary Arrangement was not appropriate.

As a result, I sought to achieve Objective (b) for the Company, and have sought to achieve this by taking the following actions:

- Reviewed and submitted a claim in the Administration of Operations in relation to sums lent by the Company under its security. The Company has received partial repayment by way of a floating charge distribution from Operations in this regard; and
- Identified potential areas of investigation that may result in legal action and recovery of funds. Due to the nature of the ongoing investigation, whilst details cannot be divulged, it may be the case that causes of action can be brought against third parties with a view to obtaining realisations for the general body of creditors.

The Company will now exit Administration and be placed into CVL to allow payment of an anticipated dividend to be declared to non-preferential unsecured creditors. Further details are provided in **Section 7**, below.

It is anticipated that the following key matters will be dealt with in CVL:

- Continue to liaise with creditors/bondholders and the Committee;
- Address statutory duties associated with the conversion of the Administration to CVL;
- Continue to liaise with the Administrators of Operations and with litigation funders as required, in order to receive any potential recoveries relating to potential legal claims identified during our investigations;
- Following conclusion of legal claims potentially to be assigned to litigation funders, and realisations from such claims, issue a notice of intended dividend to non-preferential unsecured creditors.
- Following the issue of a notice of intended dividend, adjudicate, agree and declare a distribution to non-preferential unsecured creditors;
- Settle any professional costs;
- Prepare annual reports as necessary;
- Address any statutory and administration duties, including completion of a final review of the CVL; and
- Commence the closure process and prepare and issue my final account/report to creditors and members.

Due to the nature of the investigations, and potential causes of action, we are currently unable to provide a timeline within which the above matters will be completed however, once finalised I will issue my final account of the CVL to creditors and members of the Company.

5. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

I have now completed the Administration of the Company. Our Receipts and Payments account for the Reporting Period, as well as the cumulative period since our appointment (17 March 2022) is attached at **Appendix II**.

Receipts

Floating charge distribution

We have received payment of £77,584 from Operations in relation to an interim floating charge distribution. Further details are provided in **Section 6**, below.

Payments

Please note, the Company is not VAT registered and as such, any VAT incurred cannot be reclaimed.

Pre-appointment remuneration

We have made a payment of £3,859 plus VAT in relation to costs incurred prior to the Administration. Please refer to **Section 9**, below for further details in this regard.

Office Holders' fees

We have made a payment of £59,015 plus VAT in relation to costs incurred by Joint Administrators during the Administration. Please refer to **Section 10**, below for further details in this regard.

Office Holders' expenses

We have made a payment of £1,783 plus VAT (where applicable) in relation to expenses incurred by Joint Administrators during the Administration. Please refer to **Section 11**, below for further details in this regard.

There have been no further receipts or payments in the reporting period.

6. ASSETS

Amounts owed from group companies

The Company's only known asset is a debt due from Operations which is secured by way of a fixed and floating charge held over the assets of Operations. We submitted a claim in the Administration in the sum of £4,308,750 plus interest in relation to funds lent to Operations subject to this security.

The directors' SOA states that the sum due from Operations to the Company totals £5,472,113, which we understand includes interest.

Due to the already significant value of the claim submitted to Operations (£4.3m plus interest), and the expected much lower level of recoveries, we concluded that it is not beneficial to the estate at this time incur time (and therefore costs) to calculate an accurate value of interest or any additional charges that may be applicable. In the unlikely event that the potential recovery from Operations exceeds the value of claim already submitted, we will seek to determine the value of interest and any charges and ensure the total value of the claim is accounted for by Operations.

As advised previously, on 28 March 2020 the Administrators of the Operational Companies completed a Pre-pack sale of the operational business and assets for £1m. The Administrations of Operations 127 and Operations 214B have now ended however, the Administrations of Operations and Operations 214 remain open to establish whether there are any further recoverable assets.

As previously reported, the timing of any return to the Company from Operations was uncertain, partly due to a proprietary claim over the proceeds from the sale of the operational business and certain assets received by Operations from the Administrators of II PLC. We can confirm that the proprietary claim has now been settled with £217,500 having been paid by Operations to II PLC.

On 16 February 2024, an interim floating charge distribution of 1.8 pence in the pound (based on the claim value of £4.3m), representing a payment of £77,584, was declared and paid by Operations to the Company. It is anticipated that following receipt of a VAT refund due to Operations from HM Revenue & Customs a further distribution will be received by the Company. On the assumption that Operations' VAT reclaim is fully recoverable we understand that the value of a further distribution from Operations could be c.£100k.

It is anticipated that the Administration of Operations will be extended by the Court to enable ongoing communication by its Administrators with litigation funders in relation to possible causes of action identified during our joint investigations. Should any funds be realised as a result of such action, further funds may be available for distribution by Operations to the Company.

The value of any future realisations in this regard is currently uncertain.

Cash at bank

There are no balances held in the Company's pre-appointment bank accounts operated by NatWest and Santander.

We also have not identified any other cash balances belonging to the Company.

No realisations are anticipated in this regard.

7. DIVIDEND PROSPECTS

Secured creditors

The Company has no known secured creditors.

Preferential creditors

Employees

The Company has no known employees.

HM Revenue & Customs – (“HMRC”)

HMRC is a secondary preferential creditor in relation to certain amounts due (PAYE, NI and VAT). HMRC's preferential claim ranks behind any preferential claims of employees but are paid in priority to unsecured creditors.

We are of the understanding that there is no claim from HMRC against the Company that would rank preferentially but continue to seek HMRC's confirmation of the same.

Non-preferential unsecured creditors

The Company's only known creditors at the date of appointment were its bondholders, through which the Company raised funds. Based on information provided by the Company, funds in the amount of £4.3m were raised through the sale of bonds, and an estimated £1.1m was owed as at the date of Administration in relation to interest.

The directors' SOA correlated with the above values with an estimated total liability of £5.5m.

We have received claims from 256 bondholders totalling c.£3.8m.

In our Proposals we gave an initial estimate of outcome for unsecured creditors of the Company of between 5% - 10% of total unsecured claims. As previously reported, the level of return to unsecured creditors remains uncertain for a number of reasons, including (but not limited to) the following:

- The value of HMRC's claim in relation to the Company (if any) has not been confirmed; and
- Ongoing discussions with litigation funders and the consequent potential recovery in Operations.

It is anticipated that a distribution to non-preferential unsecured creditors will be made during the CVL, however the value and timing of this distribution remains uncertain due to the matters noted above.

8. INVESTIGATION INTO THE AFFAIRS OF THE COMPANY

As previously reported, we undertook an initial investigation into the Company's affairs to establish whether there were any potential asset recoveries or conduct matters that justified further investigation. We took into account the public interest, potential recoveries, the funds likely to be available to fund an investigation, and the costs involved.

Within three months of our appointment as Joint Administrators, we are required to submit a confidential report to the Secretary of State to include any matters which have come to our attention during the course of our work which may indicate that the conduct of any past or present director would make him unfit to be concerned with the management of a company. We confirm that our report has been submitted.

As mentioned above, the Administrators of Operations are in communication with litigation funders in relation to matters identified during our joint investigations. Due to the nature of these matters, we are unable to provide any further information however, an update will be provided in our next report, to be issued during the CVL.

9. PRE-ADMINISTRATION COSTS

As previously reported, a meeting of the Committee held on 11 July 2022, our pre-appointment costs were authorised to be drawn in the amount of £3,859.

Our pre-appointment costs are yet to have been drawn in this matter.

10. JOINT ADMINISTRATORS' REMUNERATION

As previously reported, in the Committee meeting held on 11 July 2022, our post-appointment remuneration was authorised to be drawn on a time cost basis subject to our fees estimate of £136,360.

Our post-appointment time costs to 03 March 2024 amount to £235,596 representing 742 hours of work at an average charge out rate of £318 per hour. Our time costs during the Reporting Period amount to £29,806, representing 86 hours of work at an average charge out rate of £345 per hour.

We have invoiced fees of £136,360 plus VAT to date, of which we have drawn £59,015 plus VAT, all of which was drawn during the Reporting Period. We anticipate drawing further remuneration following receipt of further floating charge distributions from Operations.

As at the date of this report the time costs incurred by the Joint Administrators have exceeded the previous estimate provided to creditors. Further details are provided as follows:

Category	Fee estimate (£)	Time costs to 3 March 2024 (£)	Difference (£)
Administration and planning	12,080.00	23,591.75	(11,511.75)
Creditors	98,540.00	135,332.30	(36,792.30)
Investigations	11,670.00	16,677.50	(5,007.50)
Realisations of assets	525.00	733.75	(208.75)
Statutory	13,545.00	59,260.75	(45,715.75)
Total	136,360.00	235,596.05	(99,236.05)

Administration & planning

- The time spent dealing with administration and planning matters has been greater than envisaged as we didn't initially anticipate that extension of the Administration would be required.

Creditors

- The time spent dealing with creditors has been greater than envisaged as we did not initially anticipate the appointment of the Committee or the extension of the Administration. In addition, our communication with creditors has been greater than estimated, primarily due to the third-party communication being received by bondholders, detailed earlier in this report.

Investigations

- We identified further matters that required investigations that were not originally anticipated.

Realisations of assets

- The time spent in relation to the realisation of assets has only exceeded the estimate by a nominal amount. However, more work is likely to be undertaken in relation to liaising with the Administrators of Operations and potential litigation funders, regarding potential legal claims and any further floating charge distributions from Operations which may result.

Statutory

- The time spent dealing with statutory matters has been greater than envisaged as we didn't initially anticipate that extension of the Administration would be required. As a result of the extension further reporting and statutory filings have been required. In addition, it was necessary to liaise with our solicitors regarding the applications to Court in relation to both the appointment documentation, and the redaction of bondholder personal details from publicly available documents.

To draw fees in excess of the estimate we will be required to seek approval from the Company's creditors. Should significant realisations be made during the CVL, further fee approval may be sought.

A schedule of our charge out rates, expense policy and a narrative description of the work undertaken in the Administration to date, together with the time costs incurred to date is attached as **Appendices III and IV**.

Further information about creditors' rights can be obtained by visiting the creditors' information micro-site published by the Association of Business Recovery Professionals (R3) at <http://www.creditorinsolvencyguide.co.uk/>.

The relevant creditor's guide to Administrators' fees can be found under the heading Creditor Guides on my website at <http://www.resolvegroupuk.com/resources/>. Please note there are different versions of the guides, and in this case you should refer to the latest version. A hard copy can be obtained on request, free of charge, from this office.

11. JOINT ADMINISTRATORS' EXPENSES

Our expenses amount to £1,820, of which none was incurred in the Reporting Period.

No expenses have been incurred relating to Category 2 expenses. However, I confirm the basis of charging Category 2 expenses was approved by the Committee on 11 July 2022.

We have drawn expenses of £1,783 (plus VAT where applicable), all of which was drawn during the Reporting Period.

A summary of the expenses incurred is provided below:

Post-appointment	Category 1	Category 2	Total	Incurred in Period	Paid to date £	Estimated future
Postage	780	-	780	-	780	1,000
Statutory Advertising	37	-	37	-	-	110
Printing and stationery	713	-	713	-	713	400
Statutory bonding	20	-	20	-	20	-
Bondholder microsite (set up and maintenance)	261	-	261	-	261	-
Software costs (company accounting software)	9	-	9	-	9	-
Total	1,820	-	1,820	-	1,783	1,510

As you may note, the expenses incurred are c.£300 less than previously reported, this relates to a clerical error which was identified when reviewing our expenses for the purpose of making payment of them.

As at the date of this report the expenses incurred by the Joint Administrators have exceeded the estimate in our Proposals of £159. This is primarily due to the printing, postage and microsite costs relating to our communication with bondholders in relation to the third-party communication.

In addition, we have provided a further provision of £1,510 for estimated costs associated with issuing notices relating to the CVL and a dividend to unsecured creditors.

The above costs are net of VAT, where applicable.

Professional advisors

The following professional advisors have been utilised in this matter:

Professional Advisor	Nature of Work	Fee Arrangement	Fees incurred to date £	Paid £	Fees written off £	Estimated future fees £
HCR	Legal fees and expenses	Time costs	13,359	6,692	6,667	-
Kingsley Napley LLP	Legal fees and expenses	Time costs	-	-	-	Uncertain

The above costs are net of VAT, where applicable.

The choice of professionals was based on our perception of their experience and ability to perform this type of work, the complexity and nature of the assignment and the basis of my fee arrangement with them. The fees charged have been reviewed and we are satisfied that they are reasonable in the circumstances of this case.

HCR

HCR were engaged to provide us with advice relating to our appointment and the following:

- Ongoing assistance in relation to matters relating to the Administration,
- Assisting with the preparation of legal documentation relating to the Court applications in respect of the appointment documentation and redaction of bondholder details, and
- Assistance in relation to investigations regarding certain matters that may result in the return of funds to the Company.

The value of £6,692 noted as paid in the table above has actually been paid from the funds of Operations and will need to be repaid to Operations by the Company as and when the Company is in funds.

Note

As previously advised, the Partner from HCR who was leading this engagement left HCR with his team. To retain the case knowledge and avoid duplication of costs we engaged the Partner's new firm, Kingsley Napley.

Due to the Company's financial position, the outstanding sum of £6,667 has been written off by HCR.

The future fees in relation to the investigatory work are difficult to estimate at this time however an update will be provided in our next report to creditors during the CVL.

12. FURTHER INFORMATION AND COMPLAINTS

An unsecured creditor may, with the permission of the court or with the concurrence of five per cent in value of the unsecured creditors (including the creditor in question) request further details of the Administrators' remuneration and expenses, within 21 days of receipt of this report. Any secured creditor may request the same details in the same time limit.

An unsecured creditor may, with the permission of the court or with the concurrence of ten per cent in value of the unsecured creditors (including the creditor in question), apply to court to challenge the amount and/or basis of the Administrators' fees and the amount of any proposed expenses or expenses already incurred, within eight weeks of receipt of this report. Any secured creditor may make a similar application to court within the same time limit.

At ReSolve we always strive to provide a professional and efficient service. However, we recognise that it is in the nature of insolvency proceedings for disputes to arise from time to time. Should you have any comments or complaints regarding the Administration, please contact one of the Office Holders in the first instance. If you consider that your comments or complaint have not been dealt with appropriately you should then put details of your concerns in writing to our complaints officer at complaints@resolvetgroupuk.com who will then formally invoke our complaints procedure and we will endeavour to deal with your complaint under the supervision of a partner unconnected with the appointment.

If you still feel that you have not received a satisfactory response, then you may be able to make a complaint to the Complaints Gateway operated by the Insolvency Service. Any such complaints should be completed online using the form here: www.gov.uk/complain-about-insolvency-practitioner. If you have difficulty accessing the online complaints form, you can also make your complaint through the Insolvency Service Enquiry Line at insolvency.enquiryline@insolvency.gov.uk or telephone: 0300 678 0015.

The Complaints Gateway will in turn determine if such complaint should be addressed by Mr Woodthorpe and Mr Gunn's regulatory body.

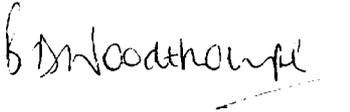
Further details of the relevant policies applicable to you can be found here <http://www.resolvetgroupuk.com/policies2/>.

13. SUMMARY

The Administration is now complete in accordance with our Proposals and the Company will now be placed into CVL.

Should you have any queries in relation to this matter please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours faithfully
For and on behalf of
FutureFuel Renewables PLC



Ben Woodthorpe
Joint Administrator

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The affairs, business and property of the Company are being managed by the Joint Administrators.

Partners and staff acting as administrators, administrative receivers or supervisors act as agents of the company over which they are appointed at all times, and without personal liability.

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APPENDIX I

STATUTORY INFORMATION

Company name:	FutureFuel Renewables PLC
Previous company name:	N/A
Registered office:	ReSolve Advisory Limited 22 York Buildings London WC2N 6JU
Former registered office:	195 Hercules Road London SE1 7LD
Registered number:	10073242
Date of incorporation:	18 March 2016
Principal trading activity:	Raising of funds through the issuance of bonds
Joint Administrators' names:	Ben Woodthorpe and Cameron Gunn
Joint Administrators' address:	ReSolve Advisory Limited 22 York Buildings London WC2N 6JU
Joint Administrators' date of appointment:	17 March 2022
Court name and reference:	In the Insolvency and Companies Court High Court of Justice (ChD) Court no: 000790 of 2022
Appointment made by:	Company directors
Joint Administrators' actions:	Any act required or authorised under any enactment to be done by an Administrator may be done by either or both of the Administrators acting jointly or alone.

The Administration was previously extended with the consent of the Company's creditors, such that it would automatically end on the 16 March 2024.

APPENDIX II

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Summary of Administrators receipts and payments account
for the period from 17 March 2022 (date of Administrators' appointment) to 3 March 2024

	Estimated Financial Position	For the period 17-Sept-2023 to 3-March-2024	Total receipts / payments to date
	£	£	£
RECEIPTS			
Amounts owed from group companies	3,809,524	77,583.85	77,583.85
	<u>3,809,524</u>	<u>77,583.85</u>	<u>77,583.85</u>
PAYMENTS			
Pre-Appointment remuneration		3,858.50	3,858.50
Office Holders' fees		59,014.76	59,014.76
Office Holders' expenses		1,783.28	1,783.28
VAT Irrecoverable		12,927.31	12,927.31
		<u>77,583.85</u>	<u>77,583.85</u>
Balance (receipts less payments)		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
REPRESENTED BY			
Current account - Interest bearing			-
Total			<u>-</u>

APPENDIX III

JOINT ADMINISTRATORS' REMUNERATION POLICY, CHARGE OUT RATES, EXPENSE POLICY AND NARRATIVE

Joint Administrators' charge out rates

Charge out rates used are appropriate to the skills and experience of a member of staff and the work that they perform. Time is recorded in six-minute units. Narrative is recorded to explain the work undertaken and the time spent is analysed into different categories of work. The hourly charge out rates to be used on this case are as follows:

Staff grade	Rates applicable from 20 November 2023 rate per hour (£)	Rates applicable from 1 August 2022 rate per hour (£)	Rates applicable from 1 May 2021 rate per hour (£)
Partner	750-795	705 - 795	625 - 755
Director	665-695	615	515 - 535
Senior Manager	550	500	435
Manager	470	420	375
Assistant Manager	425	375	305
Senior Associate	350	300	255
Associate	245	245	220
Junior Associate	195	175	175

Secretarial and support staff are not charged to the cases concerned, being accounted for as an overhead of ReSolve Advisory Limited. Our cashier is charged at the Senior Associate rate. The charge out rate for Ben Woodthorpe, the lead office holder in this case, is £750 per hour.

The charge out rates are reviewed periodically (no more than once a year) and are adjusted to take account of inflation and the firm's overheads.

When we seek time costs approval, we have to set out a fees' estimate. That estimate acts as a cap on our time costs so that we cannot draw fees of more than the estimated time costs without further approval from those who approved our fees. When seeking approval for our fees, we will disclose the work that we intend to undertake, the hourly rates we intend to charge for each part of the work, and the time that we think each part of the work will take. We will summarise that information in an average or "blended" rate for all of the work being carried out within the estimate, and by reference to each separate category of work. The blended rate is calculated as the prospective average cost per hour, based upon the estimated time to be expended by each grade of staff at their specific charge out rate. We will also say whether we anticipate needing to seek approval to exceed the estimate and, if so, the reasons that we think that may be necessary.

A report accompanying the request to fix the basis of remuneration will include the fees' estimate, as well as details of the expenses that will be, or are likely to be, incurred. Further information about expenses is given below.

The disclosure that we make should include sufficient information about the insolvency appointment to enable you to understand how the proposed fee reflects the complexity (or otherwise) of the case, any responsibility of an exceptional kind falling on the office holder, the effectiveness with which the office holder has carried out their functions, and the value and nature of the property with which the office holder has to deal.

If we subsequently need to seek authority to draw fees in excess of the estimate, we will say why we have exceeded, or are likely to exceed the estimate; any additional work undertaken or proposed to be undertaken; the hourly rates proposed for each part of the work; and the time that the additional work is expected to take. As with the original estimate, we will summarise that information in a blended rate for all of the work being carried out within the estimate, and by reference to each separate category of work, and will also say whether we anticipate needing further approval and, if so, why we think it may be necessary to seek further approval.

Expense policy

In accordance with Statement of Insolvency Practice 9 ("SIP"), the basis of expense allocation must be fully disclosed to creditors. Expenses are categorised as either Category 1 or Category 2 expenses:

Category 1

These are payments to persons providing the service to which the expense relates who are not an associate of the office holder. Category 1 expenses can be paid without creditor approval. Examples of Category 1 expenses are statutory advertising, external meeting room hire, external storage, specific bond insurance, external information hosting charges, and Company search fees.

Category 2

These are payments to associates or which have an element of shared costs. Before being paid, Category 2 expenses require approval in the same manner as an office holder's remuneration. Category 2 expenses require approval whether paid directly from the estate or as a disbursement. Category 2 expenses that are likely to be incurred, and require specific approval include:

<i>Mileage</i>	45 pence per mile paid to staff working on the insolvency appointment
<i>Photocopying</i>	20 pence per sheet of paper for reporting purposes (correspondence will be digital where at all possible to minimise this expense)

Category 1 and Category 2 expenses are subject to the rights of creditors to seek further information about them or challenge them.

In new appointments made after 1 October 2015, the office holder will provide details of expenses to be incurred, or likely to be incurred, when seeking fee approval. When reporting to the committee and creditors during the course of the insolvency appointment the actual expenses incurred will be compared with the original estimate provided.

Professional advisors

Professional advisors may be instructed to assist the office holder on the case where they consider that such assistance is necessary to enable them to appropriately administer the case. The fees charged by any professional advisors used will be recharged at cost to the case. Where the professional advisor is not an associate of the office holder it will be for the office holder to agree the basis of their fees. Where the professional advisor is an associate of the office holder it will be for those responsible for fixing the basis of the office holder's remuneration to approve payments to them. The fees of any professional advisors are subject to the rights of creditors to seek further information about them or challenge them. Professional advisors that may be instructed on a case include:

- Solicitors/Legal Advisors,
- Auctioneers/Valuers,
- Accountants,
- Quantity Surveyors,
- Estate Agents,
- Pension specialists,
- Employment Claims specialists, and
- GDPR/Cyber Security specialists.

Details of the professional advisors utilised on the Administration is detailed at **Section 8**.

Narrative of work carried out:

Administration and planning

This represents the routine administrative work that is required of the office holders and their staff, together with the control and supervision of the work done on the case by the office holders and their staff. It does not give direct financial benefit to the creditors, but has to be undertaken by the office holders to meet their requirements under the insolvency legislation and the SIP, which set out required practices that office holders must follow:

Case planning

- Preparing the documentation and dealing with the formalities of appointment.
- Review and storage of Company records.
- Liaising with the directors.
- Case planning and strategy meetings.

Cashiering

- Dealing with the day-to-day management of the internal cash book.
- Reconciling the Company's bank account.

General administration

- Case bordereau.
- Preparing the documentation required.
- Dealing with all routine correspondence.
- Maintaining physical case files and electronic case details.
- Liaising with the Company's directors regarding provision of information.

Creditors

Work involved in dealing with all classes of creditors.

The office holder needs to deal with the ex-employees, if applicable, in order to ensure that their claims are processed appropriately by the RPS. That work will include dealing with queries received from both the ex-employees and the RPS to facilitate the processing of the claims. The office holders are required to undertake this work as part of his statutory functions.

The office holders need to maintain up to date records of the names and addresses of creditors, together with the amounts of their claims as part of the management of the case, and to ensure that notices and reports can be issued to the creditors. The office holders will also have to deal with correspondence and queries received from creditors regarding their claims and dividend prospects as they are received. The office holders are required to undertake this work as part of their statutory obligations.

Unsecured (including bondholders)

- Continue to deal with a substantial volume of creditor correspondence, emails and telephone conversations.
- Setting up a dedicated microsite to provide information including a "frequently asked questions" updated periodically.
- Keeping a log of all bondholder claims and discussions.
- Maintaining up to date creditor information on the case management system.
- Assessing the likelihood of a distribution payable from Operations to the Company.
- Responding to bondholder queries regarding ongoing scam communications.

Creditors' committee

- Formation of the Committee.
- Reporting to and liaising with the Committee.
- Holding Committee meetings.

Investigations

Insolvency legislation gives the office holders powers to take recovery action in respect of what are known as antecedent transactions, where assets have been disposed of prior to the commencement of the insolvency procedure and also in respect of matters such as misfeasance and wrongful trading. The office holders are required by the SIP to undertake an initial investigation to determine whether there are potential recovery actions for the benefit of creditors and any time costs recorded represent the costs of undertaking such an initial investigation. If potential recoveries or matters for further investigation are identified then the office holders will need to incur additional time costs to investigate them in detail and to bring recovery actions where necessary, and further information will be provided to creditors. Any approval for an increase in fees will be sought as necessary. Such recovery actions will be for the benefit of the creditors and the office holders will

provide an estimate of that benefit if an increase in fees is necessary.

The office holders are also required by legislation to report to the BEIS on the conduct of the directors and the work to enable them to comply with this statutory obligation is of no direct benefit to the creditors, although it may identify potential recovery actions.

- Investigation into the Company's affairs.
- Statutory investigation into the directors' conduct, including preparation and submission of required report.
- Detailed investigation of matters that may result in the return of funds to the Company.

Realisation of assets

This is the work that needs to be undertaken to protect and then realise the known assets, which should directly benefit creditors.

- Identifying and seeking to recover cash balances.
- Undertaking a review for potential other areas of recovery.
Liaised with the Administrators of Operations regarding their approach to litigation funders with the findings of our joint investigations.

Statutory

These activities involve complying with legislation including but not limited to; The Insolvency Act 1986, The Insolvency Rules 2016, The Companies Act 2006, The Bribery Act 2010, the Money Laundering Regulations 2017, SIPs and Pension Regulations. These activities do not add any direct benefit to creditors and they form part of the statutory obligations of the Administration.

- Preparation and delivery of all statutory documentation.
- Informing Companies House of the Administration.
- Advising the Company's directors of the defects relating to the appointment documentation via telephone and email.
- Liaising with HCR regarding the applications to Court in relation to both the appointment documentation and the redaction of bondholder personal details from publicly available documents.
- Preparation of progress reports and this final report for the Administration.
- Dealing with statutory issues required under The Insolvency Act 1986, The Insolvency Rules 2016 and the SIP.

APPENDIX IV

JOINT ADMINISTRATORS' TIME COSTS SUMMARY

A total of 742 hours has been spent for the period 17 March 2022 to 3 March 2024 at an average charge out rate of £318 bringing the total time cost for the reporting period to £235,596.

	PARTNER / DIRECTOR		MANAGER		OTHER SENIOR PROFESSIONAL		TOTAL		AVERAGE RATE	
	Hours	Cost (£)	Hours	Cost (£)	Hours	Cost (£)	Hours	Cost (£)	Hours	Cost (£)
Administration & Planning										
Case planning / monitoring	2.35	1,558.75	5.20	2,397.00	15.10	4,856.00	22.65	8,811.75		389.04
Cashiering	1.40	955.00	3.70	1,649.50	6.90	1,755.50	12.00	4,360.00		363.33
General administration	0.80	515.00	9.30	3,688.00	25.20	6,217.00	35.30	10,420.00		295.18
	4.55	3,028.75	18.20	7,734.50	47.20	12,828.50	69.95	23,591.75		337.27
Creditors										
Unsecured	8.90	5,874.50	45.80	18,886.00	340.45	82,001.25	395.15	106,761.75		270.18
Creditors committee	15.00	9,752.50	30.00	12,863.00	18.60	5,955.00	63.60	28,570.50		449.22
	23.90	15,627.00	75.80	31,749.00	359.05	87,956.25	458.75	135,332.25		295.00
Investigations										
General investigation	0.20	141.00	12.20	5,541.00	13.40	3,518.50	25.80	9,200.50		356.61
D returns	1.90	1,187.50	2.10	901.50	2.60	793.00	6.60	2,882.00		436.67
Other investigation	2.20	1,519.00	3.60	1,656.00	4.00	1,420.00	9.80	4,595.00		468.88
	4.30	2,847.50	17.90	8,098.50	20.00	5,731.50	42.20	16,677.50		395.20
Realisation of Assets										
Other assets	0.25	153.75	0.10	50.00	2.50	530.00	2.85	733.75		257.46
	0.25	153.75	0.10	50.00	2.50	530.00	2.85	733.75		257.46
Statutory										
Statutory paperwork / form completion	1.40	907.00	37.45	14,454.75	11.20	3,540.50	50.05	18,902.25		377.67
Filing documents with CH / Court	0.20	133.00	0.20	87.00	2.90	803.00	3.30	1,023.00		310.00
Reporting to creditors	10.00	6,401.50	35.00	14,669.50	69.40	18,264.50	114.40	39,335.50		343.84
	11.60	7,441.50	72.65	29,211.25	83.50	22,608.00	167.75	59,260.75		353.27
Total hours and cost	44.60	29,098.50	184.65	76,843.25	512.25	129,654.25	741.50	235,596.00		317.73

