

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>BENARD JAMIE BRETT</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O VITESSE ENERGY, INC.</u> <u>5619 DTC PARKWAY, SUITE 700</u> (Street) <u>GREENWOOD CO 80111</u> <u>VILLAGE</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/01/2026</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Vitesse Energy, Inc. [VTS]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>CEO & PRESIDENT</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

See Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

No securities are beneficially owned.

/s/ Michael Sabol, Attorney-in-Fact for Jamie B. Benard

05/04/2026

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Michael Sabol, Levi Johns and Dustin Emmons, and each of them individually, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an Officer and/or Director of and/or beneficial owner of stock of Vitesse Energy, Inc., as it may be renamed (the "Company"), (i) all reports on Forms 3, 4 and 5 and any other forms required to be filed in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") and the rules promulgated thereunder (a "Section 16 Form"), and (ii) all forms and schedules in accordance with Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act and the rules promulgated thereunder, including all amendments thereto (a "Section 13 Schedule", and, together with Section 16 Forms, the "Forms and Schedules");
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Forms and Schedules, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such Forms and Schedules with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority (including any Form ID or related process); and
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of each such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by each such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as he or she may approve in his or her discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that each such attorney-in-fact, or his or her substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that each such attorney-in-fact is serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, and is not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 13 or Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

The Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file any Forms and Schedules with respect to the undersigned's

holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to each such attorney-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 29th day of April, 2026.

By: /s/ Jamie Benard
Jamie Benard