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City files lawsuit against solar farm

The City of Georgetown filed a lawsuit against Buckthorn Westex, LLC, the owners of a 150-megawatt solar farm in Ft. Stockton, TX. The City has an agreement with Buckthorn to provide energy for our customers.

Unfortunately, since the solar farm became operational in 2018, the City became aware of several problems at the facility related to its operation and performance. These ongoing problems have resulted in financial losses for the City. Buckthorn was aware of some of these issues but did not disclose them during negotiations.

Because of confidentiality requirements in the agreement, the City is not able to disclose specifics regarding the problems at the solar farm or the terms of the agreement with Buckthorn. Both parties have been in talks regarding the issues, but these ongoing discussions have thus far failed to produce a resolution. While the City will continue to seek an agreed resolution, at this time the City's best course of action is to preserve its rights by seeking damages and an order from the court allowing it to terminate the agreement.

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