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Orion Energy Systems Files Complaint Against Energy Bank Alleging Patent Infringement

Former Orion CEO's new company is alleged to make false claims and violate Orion patents

MANITOWOC, Wis.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Today, [Orion Energy Systems, Inc. \(NASDAQ: OESX\)](#), a leading designer and manufacturer of high-performance, energy-efficient retrofit lighting platforms, filed a complaint in the United States Eastern Wisconsin District Court against Energy Bank, Inc. of Manitowoc Wisconsin for alleged patent infringements and unfair competition under the Lanham Act. Orion has an extensive patent portfolio totaling 70 granted and 27 pending.

In its claim against Energy Bank, Orion alleges Energy Bank has made claims and references that it owns Orion's patents in violation of federal statutes and Orion's patent rights. During the past eight months, Orion filed two other patent violation complaints in federal court with successful resolution. Orion values its patents and will defend them vigorously when an infringement situation arises.

Recently, William C. Griesbach, Chief Judge of the United States Eastern Wisconsin District Court, ruled in Orion's favor and dismissed all claims Energy Bank's CEO, Neal Verfuert, made with respect to Orion's ownership of its entire patent portfolio.

About Orion Energy Systems

Orion is one of the leaders in the transformation of commercial and industrial buildings to state-of-the-art energy efficient lighting systems and retrofit lighting solutions. Orion manufactures and markets a cutting edge portfolio of products encompassing LED solid-state lighting and high intensity fluorescent lighting. Many of Orion's nearly 100 granted patents and pending patent applications relate to lighting systems that provide exceptional optical and thermal performance, which drive financial, environmental, and work-space benefits for a wide variety of customers in the retrofit markets.

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