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### **BP FACES SECOND SUIT BY STATIONS**

On May 5, 2011, the Los Angeles Daily Journal reported that Kabateck Brown Kellner has filed suit against BP on behalf of 100 gas station owners who claim \$200 million in damages against the oil conglomerate. The case, which was filed in Los Angeles Superior Court, alleges that BP forced the station owners to purchase a defective electronic payment system called Retalix that resulted in numerous overcharges and undercharges, and frequently crashed resulting in lost business and other financial hardships.

"This Retalix system is killing these guys," said Brian S. Kabateck of Kabateck Brown Kellner. "They make very little money to begin with."

The plaintiffs also claim BP violated antitrust laws by forcing them to purchase food and drinks from a designated third-party vendor when they could have purchased the same items for cheaper prices elsewhere. The lawsuit also alleges BP broke its vendor agreements with station owners and only allowed them to use BP-approved vendors. Plaintiffs allege breach of contract, fraud, antitrust law violations, breach of fiduciary duties and negligence against BP West Coast Products LLC, Paypoint Electronic Systems Inc. and Retalix Ltd.