

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

<b>JAMES DOUGLAS</b>	)	
<b>ABERCROMBIE, IV,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Plaintiff,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>v.</b>	)	<b>Civ. Act. No. 1:19-cv-118-TFM-MU-C</b>
	)	
<b>BP AMERICA PRODUCTION</b>	)	
<b>COMPANY, et al.,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Defendants.</b>	)	

**ORDER**

Pending before the Court is the parties' *Stipulation of Dismissal With Prejudice*, filed December 13, 2019, in which the parties jointly agree to dismiss all claims against Defendants with prejudice, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(1)(A)(ii) with each party to bear its own costs. Doc. 25. The Rules of Civil Procedure permit a plaintiff to voluntarily dismiss the action without an order of the court "by filing a notice of dismissal before the opposing party serves either an answer or a motion for summary judgment" or "a stipulation signed by all parties who have appeared." FED. R. CIV. P. 41(a)(1)(A).

Here, the joint stipulation is signed by both sides. Consequently, by operation of Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(1)(A)(ii), this action has been dismissed in accordance with the joint notice. Therefore, the claims in this case are dismissed with prejudice with each party to bear their own attorneys' fees and costs.

The Clerk of the Court is **DIRECTED** to close this case.

**DONE and ORDERED** this the 16th day of December 2019.

/s/Terry F. Moorer  
TERRY F. MOORER  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE