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based on the same or similar claims, the same transactions or events, similar questions of fact and the same question of law. Accordingly, the assignment of the matters to the same judge is likely to effect a substantial savings of judicial effort and is also likely to be convenient for the parties.

The parties should be aware that relating the cases under Local Rule 123 merely

within the meaning of Local Rule 123(a). The actions involve the same defendants and are

Examination of the above-entitled actions reveals that these actions are related

The parties should be aware that relating the cases under Local Rule 123 merely has the result that the actions are assigned to the same magistrate judge; no consolidation of the actions is effected. Under the regular practice of this court, related cases are generally assigned to the magistrate judge to whom the first filed action was assigned.

Although relation does not equal consolidation, the identical nature of these complaints suggests that consolidation would be appropriate.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. All further documents filed in CIV NO. S-10-513 GGH shall reference the following case number: CIV S-10-513 KJM.
- 2. For all further proceedings, and any dates currently set in this reassigned case only are hereby VACATED.
- 3. The Clerk of the Court is directed make appropriate adjustment in the assignment of civil cases to compensate for this reassignment.
- 4. Counsel for plaintiffs in CIV. NO. S-10-153 and CIV NO. S-10-154 show cause within twenty-one days of the date of this order why these three actions should not be consolidated.

DATED: June 24, 2010.

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