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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ALLISON PIERCE,)
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Plaintiff(s),)
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v.)
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JO ANNE B. BARNHART,)
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Defendant(s).)
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No. C00-0742 BZ

**ORDER DENYING ADMINISTRATIVE
MOTION TO RELATE CASES**

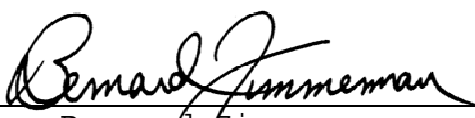
Plaintiff's administrative motion to relate Pierce v. Astrue, C09-2713 to this case is **DENIED**.

Plaintiff's motion is untimely. Plaintiff filed the new action on June 18, 2009. The motion to relate was not filed until January 7, 2010. Local Rule 3-12(b) requires that the motion be filed "promptly." Plaintiff has provided no explanation for why she failed to do so. Absent an adequate explanation, permitting untimely requests to relate cases creates a risk that the motion will used for improper purposes.

In any event, the action of which plaintiff now complains was taken many years after this Court's earlier ruling and by

1 a different Administrative Law Judge, such that the criteria
2 of Local Rule 3-12(a)(2) are not satisfied.

3 Dated: January 21, 2010

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6 Bernard Zimmerman
7 United States Magistrate Judge

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