

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA**

ANGIE FRIESEN,)
Plaintiff,) 8:11CV189
and)
NOELLE MASON, f/k/a)
NOELLE CROUSHORN,)
Plaintiff,) 8:11CV190
vs.)
HOTSHOT DELIVERIES, INC.,) ORDER
Defendant.)

It has come to the court's attention that these two matters are related. The court has reviewed the filings in both cases and it appears the cases may be consolidated, at least for discovery, pursuant to [Fed. R. Civ. P. 42\(a\)](#), as both cases arise out of the same set of facts and are based on similar allegations. See [EEOC v. HBE Corp.](#), 135 F.3d 543, 551 (8th Cir. 1998). Upon consideration,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. ***Angie Friesen v. Hotshot Deliveries, Inc.***, 8:11CV189, and ***Noelle Mason v. Hotshot Deliveries, Inc.***, 8:11CV190, are hereby consolidated for purposes of discovery only.
2. Counsel shall conduct discovery as if these consolidated cases are part of a single case. All future filings related to discovery shall contain the consolidated case caption, which appears on this order, and shall be served on counsel in both cases as described below.
3. Case No. 8:11CV189 is hereby designated as the "Lead Case." Case No. 8:11CV190 is hereby designated as the "Member Case."

4. The court's CM/ECF System now has the capacity for "spreading" text among the consolidated cases. If properly docketed, the documents filed in the Lead Case will automatically be filed in all Member Cases. To this end, the parties are instructed to file all further documents (except those described in paragraph 5) in the Lead Case, No. 8:11CV189, and to select the option "yes" in response to the System's question whether to spread the text.

5. The parties may not use the spread text feature to file complaints, amended complaints, and answers; to pay filing fees electronically using pay.gov; or to file items related to service of process.

6. If a party believes that an item in addition to those described in paragraph 5 should not be filed in all the consolidated cases, the party must move for permission to file the item in one or more member cases. The motion must be filed in all the consolidated cases using the spread text feature.

DATED this 19th day of July, 2011.

BY THE COURT:

s/ Thomas D. Thalken
United States Magistrate Judge