

initiative: order that the actions are consolidated in whole or in part for any purpose

(1) In determining whether to order consolidation and the appropriate location for the consolidated proceedings, the court may consider, among other factors: the complexity of the actions; the importance of any common question of fact or law to the determination of the actions; the risk of duplicative or inconsistent rulings, orders, or judgments; the relative procedural postures of the actions; the risk that consolidation may unreasonably delay the progress, increase the expense, or complicate the processing of any action; prejudice to any party that far outweighs the overall benefits of consolidation; the convenience of the parties, witnesses, and counsel; and the efficient utilization of judicial resources and the facilities and personnel of the court.

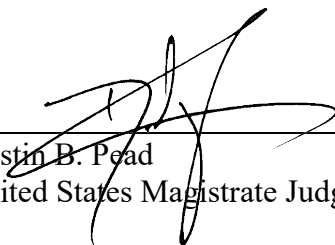
DUCivR 42.

Here, no opposition to the motion to consolidate has been filed. Moreover, a review of the cases indicates there are common questions of law and fact, both matters are in their relative infancy, costs will not increase by consolidating the matters and both the resources of the parties and court are better served by consolidation.

Accordingly, Defendants' Motion to Consolidate is GRANTED.¹

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 13 July 2022.



Dustin B. Pead
United States Magistrate Judge

¹ "If the court orders consolidation, a new case number will be used for all subsequent filings in the consolidated case." DUCivR 42. The parties are directed to use the proper case number for all future filings.