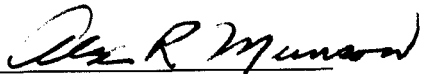


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The Court is in agreement that consolidation of the cases is appropriate because the parties are the same, the issues are the same and consolidation will serve the interest of judicial economy.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 19th day of October, 2000.



Alex R. Munson
District Judge