

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

**EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
COMMISSION,**

Plaintiff,

v.

No. CIV 02-1213 JP/LAM

**BELL GAS INCORPORATED and BALLEW
DISTRIBUTING,**

Defendants.


ORDER CONSOLIDATING ACTIONS

THIS MATTER comes before the Court on the motion of Plaintiff Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to consolidate [Doc. #31] this action with *EEOC v. Bell Gas, Inc., et al.*, CIV 02-1212 BB/KBM, pursuant to Rule 42(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and the Court having reviewed the pleadings of counsel and being fully advised in the premises, FINDS these actions involve common questions of law or fact, and a consolidation of these actions at least for discovery purposes, will avoid unnecessary costs or delay. The Court will reserve a determination on whether these actions should be tried separately.

Now, therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that these actions are **CONSOLIDATED** for pretrial purposes, and that all future pleadings shall be filed in **CIV 02-1212 BB/KBM**, the lower numbered action.

Dated at Albuquerque this 13TH day of June, 2003.



BRUCE D. BLACK
United States District Judge