

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
NORTHEASTERN DIVISION**

**HEATHER LESLIE, JEANINE
DUNN, TAMELA HAMPTON, and
JESSIE BEASLEY, on behalf of
themselves and all others similarly
situated,**

Plaintiffs,

v.

**REDSTONE FEDERAL CREDIT
UNION,**

Defendants.

Case No.: 5:20-cv-00629-LCB

**BEVERLY MACON and
SAVANNAH GARNER, on behalf
of themselves and all others
similarly situated,**

Plaintiffs,

v.

**REDSTONE FEDERAL CREDIT
UNION,**

Defendants.

Case No.: 5:21-cv-01682-LCB

ORDER

Before the Court is Plaintiffs’ unopposed motion to consolidate this lawsuit,
with a related action currently pending in the Northern District of Alabama, *Macon*

v. Redstone Federal Credit Union, 5:21-cv-01682-LCB. (Doc. 84.) For the reasons below, the Court concludes that the motion is due to be **GRANTED**. (Doc. 84.)

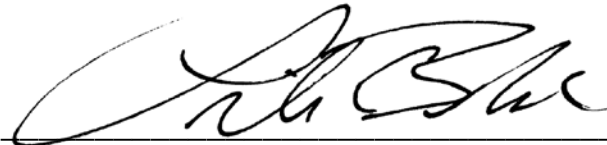
Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 42(a) codifies a district court’s “inherent managerial power to control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for counsel, and for litigants.” *Hendrix v. Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.*, 776 F.2d 1492, 1495 (11th Cir. 1985) (citation omitted). “A district court’s decision under Rule 42(a) is purely discretionary.” *Id.* The Rule provides that a court may consolidate actions if those actions “involve a common question of law or fact.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(a).

Based on the Court’s review of the relevant filings in both actions, the Court finds that Rule 42(a)’s standard is satisfied here. Both actions involve the same questions of law and fact because the plaintiffs in both actions allege that Redstone breached its contract with its members by engaging in improper banking fee practices. (Doc. 84 at 1.) Moreover, Redstone has agreed to settle all claims arising from these actions pursuant to a settlement agreement and release entered into by the parties, so consolidating the actions will streamline the litigation process and conserve judicial resources. (Doc. 84 at 1.).

Thus, the Court finds that consolidation is proper and **GRANTS** Plaintiffs’ motion. (Doc. 84.)

The Clerk of Court is **DIRECTED** to consolidate 5:20-cv-00629-LCB and 5:21-cv-01682-LCB. 5:20-cv-00629-LCB will be the lead case since it was filed first, so the parties must enter **ALL FUTURE FILINGS** in 5:20-cv-00629-LCB.

DONE and **ORDERED** April 13, 2023.

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LILES C. BURKE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE