



State of New Jersey
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

ORDER OF CONSOLIDATION

VICTOR WILLIAMS,

Petitioner,

v.

TED CRUZ,

Respondent,

And,

**FERNANDO POWERS, DONNA WARD,
AND BRUCE STOM (SOUTH JERSEY
CONCERNED CITIZENS COMMITTEE),**

Petitioners,

v.

TED CRUZ,

Respondent.

OAL DKT. NO. STE 5016-16

OAL DK.T NO. STE 5018-16

Victor Williams, petitioner, pro se

Mario Apuzzo, Esq., for petitioners Fernando Powers, Donna Ward and Bruce Stom

Shalom D. Stone, Esq., for respondent (Brown, Moskowitz and Kallen, P.C., attorneys)

BEFORE **JEFF S. MASIN**, ALJ t/a:

N.J.A.C. 1:1-17.3(a) sets forth the standards for consolidation, and provides that the judge shall consider:

1. The identity of parties in each of the matters;
2. The nature of all the questions of fact and law respectively involved;
3. To the extent that common questions of fact and law are involved, the saving in time, expense, duplication and inconsistency which will be realized from hearing the matters together and whether such issues can be thoroughly, competently, and fully tried and adjudicated together with and as a constituent part of all other issues in the two cases;
4. To the extent that dissimilar questions of fact or law are present, the danger of confusion, delay or undue prejudice to any party;
5. The advisability generally of disposing of all aspects of the controversy in a single proceeding; and
6. Other matters appropriate to a prompt and fair resolution of the issues, including whether a case still pending in an agency is contested or is ripe to be declared contested.

Here, the facts and legal issues affecting each case are similar and involve common questions of law and fact. Consolidation will avoid the possibility of inconsistent decisions and alleged confusion.

Based on the above, I **CONCLUDE** that the within appeals should be **CONSOLIDATED**.

This order may be reviewed by the **SECRETARY OF STATE** either upon interlocutory review pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:1-14.10 or at the end of the contested case, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:1-18.6.



April 12, 2016

DATE

JEFF S. MASIN, ALJ

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