

481—10.10 (10A,17A) Consolidation—severance.

10.10(1) Consolidation. The administrative law judge may, upon motion by any party or the ALJ's own motion, consolidate any or all matters at issue in two or more proceedings docketed under these rules where:

- a.* There exist common parties or common questions of fact or law;
- b.* Consolidation would expedite and simplify consideration of the issues; and
- c.* Consolidation would not adversely affect the rights of parties engaged in otherwise separate proceedings.

At any time prior to the hearing, any party may on motion request that the matters not be consolidated, and the motion shall be granted for good cause shown.

10.10(2) Severance. The administrative law judge may, upon motion by any party or upon the ALJ's own motion, for good cause shown, order any proceeding or portion thereof severed.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 10A.202(1) and 17A.22.