

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

STATE OF NEW YORK, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DOUGLAS J. BURGUM, in his official
capacity as Secretary of the United States
Department of the Interior, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 26-cv-00071 (CJN)

EMPIRE LEASEHOLDER LLC, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DOUGLAS J. BURGUM, in his official
capacity as Secretary of the United States
Department of the Interior, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 26-cv-00004 (CJN)

ORDER

Plaintiffs State of New York and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (together, New York) move to consolidate this case with *Empire Leaseholder LLC v. Burgum*, 26-cv-00004-CJN. ECF No. 13. Having considered the record and relevant caselaw, the Court concludes that consolidation is warranted.

Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that New York's motion, ECF No. 13, is **GRANTED**.

The Clerk of Court is directed to (1) consolidate *Empire Leaseholder LLC v. Burgum*, 26-cv-00004-CJN, and *New York v. Burgum*, 26-cv-00071-CJN, for all purposes and (2) file a copy of this order in both cases.

All future filings shall be made in *Empire Leaseholder LLC v. Burgum*, 26-cv-00004-CJN.

It is **SO ORDERED**.

DATE: January 30, 2026



CARL J. NICHOLS
United States District Judge