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In re: Multiple Plaintiffs in FELA Cases Involving Railroad Workers' Hearing Loss	GENERAL ORDER

Over the past two years a large number of FELA cases have been filed alleging hearing loss by railroad workers. In many of those cases the original complaint included claims of numerous individual plaintiffs. With few exceptions these claims should have initially been filed as distinct cases.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington shall reject any complaint filed in an FELA - railroad workers' hearing loss case presented for filing with multiple plaintiffs unless counsel submits, along with the complaint, a motion requesting permission to take such action. Should such a motion be filed, it will be presented to the Court for consideration. The Clerk shall insure publication of copies of this Order.

DATED this 21st day of November, 1991.

Barbara Rothstein
Chief United States District Judge

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