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Voting Section - NWB
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

August 2, 2011

Mr. Kevin P. Belanger
Chief Executive Officer
South Central Planning & Development Commission
P.O. Box 1870
Gray, Louisiana 70359

Dear Mr. Belanger:

This refers to the 2011 redistricting plan for the parish council, justice of the peace, and constable districts, the realignment of voting precincts, the creation of voting precincts, and the designation of their polling places, for St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, submitted to the Attorney General pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 42 U.S.C. 1973c. We received your submission on June 13, 2011; additional information was received through June 23, 2011.

The Attorney General does not interpose any objection to the specified changes. However, we note that Section 5 expressly provides that the failure of the Attorney General to object does not bar subsequent litigation to enjoin the enforcement of the changes. Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 28 C.F.R. 51.41.

Sincerely,

for T. Christian Herren, Jr.
Chief, Voting Section

