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

August 29, 2011

Kevin P. Belanger
Chief Executive Officer
P.O. Box 1870
Gray, Louisiana 70359

Dear Mr. Belanger:

This refers to the 2011 redistricting plan, including the addition and realignment of voting precincts, the designation of their polling places, and polling place changes, for St. James 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 July 5, 2011; additional information was received through August 25, 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. Eric Rich*

T. Christian Herren, Jr.
Chief, Voting Section

