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August 17, 2011

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

Ms. Charlette D. Poché Council Clerk P.O. Box 2768 Houma, Louisiana 70361

Dear Mr. Belanger and Ms. Poché:

This refers to the 2011 parish council redistricting plan, including the addition and realignment of voting precincts, the designation of their polling places, and polling place changes, for Terrebonne 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 27, 2011; additional information was received through August 2, 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,

Christian Herren, Jr.

Chief, Voting Section

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