

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

DOROTHY NAIRNE, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

R. KYLE ARDOIN, in his official capacity as
Secretary of State of Louisiana,

Defendant.

Case No. 3:22-cv-178-SDD-SDJ

CONSENT MOTION TO APPEAR BY VIDEOCONFERENCE

The United States respectfully requests leave to appear by videoconference at the February 21, 2024, scheduling conference in the above-captioned case. The United States intervened in this matter to defend the constitutionality of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, 52 U.S.C. § 10301. U.S. Notice of Intervention, ECF No. 199; *see also* Notice of Constitutional Question, ECF No. 178. The United States has taken no position on any factual dispute in this matter nor on any legal question other than the constitutionality and appropriate application of Section 2. U.S. Br. 1 n.1, ECF No. 205. The United States also takes no position on Plaintiffs' Motion to Set a Schedule for Remedial Proceedings or Plaintiffs' Motion for a Special Election. See Pls. Mot. to Set Schedule, ECF No. 235; Pls. Mot. for Sp. Election, ECF No. 237.

The United States has met and conferred with all parties, who consent to this request. Pursuant to Local Rule 7(c), a proposed order is attached hereto.

Date: February 15, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on February 15, 2024, I electronically filed the foregoing with the clerk of the court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of this filing to counsel of record.

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[PROPOSED] ORDER

Upon consideration of the United States' Motion for Leave to Appear by Videoconference, ECF No. ____, the Motion is hereby **GRANTED**. The United States may appear by videoconference at the February 21, 2024, scheduling conference in the above-captioned case. Participant instructions will be sent separately by email.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on _____, 2024.

Judge Shelly D. Dick
United States District Court
Middle District of Louisiana.