Exhibit F
January 13, 2014

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Dear Sarah:

In reply to your letter dated December 14, 2013 regarding rules, the Secretary of State’s authority to adopt administrative rules that bind other state agencies is doubtful in the first instance. That proposition, among others, is currently under consideration by the 5th Circuit.

Nonetheless, the Secretary is bound to honor, as best we understand them, the district court orders absent reversal or stay. Our application to stay the judgment was denied. Thus, the referenced administrative rules were adopted conditionally pending disposition of the appeal.

In the Secretary’s estimation, the adoption of the rules and the content thereof are consonant with our collective understanding of the district court rulings in the case. We agree with you that, particularly in the context of the NVRA, requiring voter registration services with “each application for service or assistance, with each re-certification, renewal, or change of address form relating to such service or assistance . . .” does not include so-called “remote” transactions with the agencies. However, the administrative rules were consciously crafted to comport with the district court rulings that it does.

Very truly yours,

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