

**Via EDGAR**

United States Securities and Exchange Commission  
Division of Corporation Finance  
100 F Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Attention: Aisha Adegbuyi

Re: Request for Acceleration of Effectiveness  
First Busey Corporation Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-282727)

Dear Ms. Adegbuyi:

Pursuant to Rule 461 of the General Rules and Regulations of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, First Busey Corporation hereby respectfully requests that the effectiveness of the above referenced registration statement on Form S-4, File No. 333-282727, as amended, be accelerated by the Commission so that it will become effective at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time on November 13, 2024, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Please contact Mark J. Menting of Sullivan & Cromwell LLP at (212) 558-4859 or [mentingm@sullcrom.com](mailto:mentingm@sullcrom.com) with any questions you may have. In addition, please notify Mr. Menting when this request for acceleration has been granted.

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Very truly yours,

First Busey Corporation

By: /s/ Jeffrey D. Jones

Name: Jeffrey D. Jones

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

cc: Mark J. Menting  
Ethan J. Chess  
(Sullivan & Cromwell LLP)

*[Signature Page for S-4 Acceleration Request]*

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