

October 17, 2018

**VIA EDGAR**

United States Securities and Exchange Commission  
Division of Corporation Finance  
100 F Street, NE  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
Attention: David Gessert

**Re: First Busey Corporation  
Request for Acceleration of Effectiveness of Form S-4  
SEC File No. 333-227705 (“Registration Statement”)**

Dear Mr. Gessert:

On behalf of First Busey Corporation, as registrant, the undersigned officer hereby requests that the effective date for the Registration Statement, as amended, be accelerated so that it will be declared effective at 1:00 p.m. (Washington, D.C. time) or as soon as practicable thereafter on Friday, October 19, 2018.

The staff should feel free to telephone Robert M. Fleetwood of Barack Ferrazzano Kirschbaum & Nagelberg LLP, the registrant’s legal counsel, at (312) 629-7329 with any questions or comments.

Very truly yours,

First Busey Corporation

/s/ Robin N. Elliott

Robin N. Elliott

Chief Operating Officer & Chief Financial Officer

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