

April 24, 2017

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

**Re: First Busey Corporation
Request for Acceleration of Effectiveness of Form S-4
SEC File No. 333-216710 ("Registration Statement")**

Dear Mr. Lin:

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 4:30 p.m. (Washington, D.C. time) or as soon as practicable thereafter on Tuesday, April 25, 2017.

The staff should feel free to telephone Abdul R. Mitha of Barack Ferrazzano Kirschbaum & Nagelberg LLP, the registrant's legal counsel, at (312) 629-5171 with any questions or comments.

Very truly yours,

First Busey Corporation

/s/ Robin N. Elliott

Robin N. Elliott

Chief Operating Officer & Chief Financial Officer
