

October 10, 2018

Van A. Dukeman  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
First Busey Corporation  
100 W. University Ave.  
Champaign, IL 61820

Re: First Busey Corporation  
Registration Statement on Form S-4  
Filed October 5, 2018  
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Dear Mr. Dukeman:

This is to advise you that we have not reviewed and will not review your registration statement.

Please refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Please contact David Gessert at 202-551-2326 with any questions.

Sincerely,  
Division of  
Office of Financial

Corporation Finance  
Services