



DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

Mail Stop 3720

June 21, 2010

Melvin C. Payne
Chief Executive Officer
Carriage Services, Inc.
3040 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 300
Houston, Texas 77056

Re: Carriage Services, Inc.
Form 10-K for the Year ended December 31, 2009
Filed March 5, 2010
File No. 001-11961

Dear Mr. Payne:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Larry Spirgel
Assistant Director