



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

DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

Mail Stop 3233

May 26, 2017

Via E-mail

Mr. Daniel K. Schlanger
Chief Financial Officer
Crown Castle International Corp.
1220 Augusta Drive, Suite 600
Houston, TX 77057-2261

**Re: Crown Castle International Corp.
Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016
Filed February 22, 2017
File No. 1-16441**

Dear Mr. Schlanger:

We have completed our review of your filing. 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.

Sincerely,

/s/ Eric McPhee

Eric McPhee
Senior Staff Accountant
Office of Real Estate & -
Commodities