

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

DIVISION OF CORPORATION FINANCE

January 10, 2011

Richard Shields Chief Financial Officer Washington Banking Company 450 SW Bayshore Drive Oak Harbor, Washington 98277

> Re: Washington Banking Company Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2009 Filed March 12, 2010 Form 10-Q for the Quarters Ended March 31, 2010 Filed May 7, 2010 Form 10-Q for the Fiscal Quarter Ended June 30, 2010 Filed August 6, 2010 Form 10-Q for the Fiscal Quarter Ended September 30, 2010 Filed November 9, 2010 Filed No. 000-24503

Dear Mr. Shields:

We have completed our review of your filings and do not have any further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Amit Pande Accounting Branch Chief