

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

DIVISION OF CORPORATION FINANCE

July 14, 2015

<u>Via E-mail</u> Ronald Farnsworth Chief Financial Officer Umpqua Holdings Corporation One SW Columbia Street, Suite 1200 Portland, Oregon 97258

> Re: Umpqua Holdings Corporation Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 Filed February 23, 2015 File No. 001-34624

Dear Mr. Farnsworth:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filing and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Amit Pande

Amit Pande Accounting Branch Chief