



DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

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

February 15, 2012

Via E-mail

Andrew S. Duff
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Piper Jaffray Companies
800 Nicollet Mall, Suite 800
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402

Re: Piper Jaffray Companies
Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2010
Filed February 28, 2011
File No. 001-31720

Dear Mr. Duff:

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/ Michael Seaman for

Suzanne Hayes
Assistant Director