

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
August 18, 2008

ORDER GRANTING CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT  
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

First Marblehead Corporation

File No. 001-31825 - CF# 22031

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First Marblehead Corporation submitted an application under Rule 24b-2 requesting an extension of a previous grant of confidential treatment for information it excluded from the Exhibits to a Form 10-Q filed on May 10, 2006.

Based on representations by First Marblehead Corporation that this information qualifies as confidential commercial or financial information under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4), the Division of Corporation Finance has determined not to publicly disclose it. Accordingly, excluded information from the following exhibit(s) will not be released to the public for the time period(s) specified:

Exhibit 10.2                      through November 30, 2009

For the Commission, by the Division of Corporation Finance, pursuant to delegated authority:

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