

Mail Stop 4561

January 15, 2009

Michael McGrath
Chief Financial Officer
Mercantile Bancorp, Inc.
200 North 33rd Street
Quincy, Illinois 62301

**Re: Mercantile Bancorp, Inc.
 Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended
 December 31, 2007
 Forms 10-Q for Fiscal Quarters Ended
 March 31, 2008, June 30, 2008
 and September 30, 2008
 File No. 001-32434**

Dear Mr. McGrath:

We have reviewed your filings and have the following comments. We have limited our review to only your financial statements and related disclosures and do not intend to expand our review to other portions of your documents. Where indicated, we think you should revise your documents in response to these comments. If you disagree, we will consider your explanation as to why our comment is inapplicable or a revision is unnecessary. Please be as detailed as necessary in your explanation. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure. After reviewing this information, we may raise additional comments.

Please understand that the purpose of our review process is to assist you in your compliance with the applicable disclosure requirements and to enhance the overall disclosure in your filings. We look forward to working with you in these respects. We welcome any questions you may have about our comments or any other aspect of our review. Feel free to call us at the telephone numbers listed at the end of this letter.

Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2007

Exhibits 32.1 and 32.2

1. We note that there are no signature dates on your Section 906 certifications. Please amend your Form 10-K to include revised Section 906 certifications which include signature dates. Please note you are required to file a full amendment for the new Section 906 certifications.

As appropriate, please amend your filing and respond to these comments within 10 business days or tell us when you will provide us with a response. You may wish to provide us with marked copies of the amendment to expedite our review. Please furnish a cover letter with your amendment that keys your responses to our comments and provides any requested information. Detailed cover letters greatly facilitate our review. Please understand that we may have additional comments after reviewing your amendment and responses to our comments.

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 all information required under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that they have provided all information investors require for an informed investment decision. Since the company and its management are in possession of all facts relating to a company's disclosure, they are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures they have made.

In connection with responding to our comments, please provide, in writing, a statement from the company acknowledging that:

- the company is responsible for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing;
- staff comments or changes to disclosure in response to staff comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to 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.

In addition, please be advised that the Division of Enforcement has access to all information you provide to the staff of the Division of Corporation Finance in our review of your filing or in response to our comments on your filing.

You may contact Babette Cooper at (202) 551-3396 or me at (202) 551-3423 if you have any questions.

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Sincerely,

Amit Pande
Accounting Branch Chief