



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

DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

January 3, 2017

Mail Stop 4720

Via E-mail

Michael S. Chae  
Chief Financial Officer  
The Blackstone Group L.P.  
345 Park Avenue  
New York, NY 10154

**Re: The Blackstone Group L.P.  
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2015  
Filed February 26, 2016  
File No. 001-33551**

Dear Mr. Chae:

We have completed our review of your filings. We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Sincerely,

/s/ Hugh West

Hugh West  
Accounting Branch Chief  
Office of Financial Services