



DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

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

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