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

DIVISION OF CORPORATION FINANCE

Mail Stop 3233

November 8, 2016

<u>Via E-Mail</u>
Michael A. Happel
Chief Executive Officer and President
New York REIT, Inc.
405 Park Ave., 14th Floor
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Re: New York REIT, Inc.

Preliminary Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A

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Dear Mr. Happel:

We have completed our review of your filing. 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/ Coy Garrison

Coy Garrison Special Counsel Office of Real Estate and Commodities

cc: Michael J. Choate, Esq. (Via E-Mail)

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