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Listing Qualifications

By Electronic Mail

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Division of Corporation Finance
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20549

Division of Corporation Finance:

This is to certify that on April 12, 2018 The Nasdaq Stock Market (the "Exchange") received from Columbia Financial, Inc. (the "Registrant") a copy of the Registrant's application on Form 8-A 12(b) for the registration of the following security:

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

We further certify that the security described above has been approved by the Exchange for listing and registration.

We understand that the Registrant is seeking immediate acceleration of the effective date of registration, and we hereby join in such request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'William Slattery'.