



DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

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

January 17, 2014

Via E-mail

Robin N. Elliott
Chief Financial Officer
First Busey Corporation
100 W. University Ave.
Champaign, Illinois 61820

**Re: First Busey Corporation
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2012
Filed March 14, 2013
Definitive Proxy 14A
Filed April 17, 2013
File No. 000-15950**

Dear Mr. Elliott:

We have completed our review of your filings. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filings 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. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filings to be certain that the filings include the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Marc Thomas

Marc Thomas
Reviewing Accountant