



DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

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

March 5, 2021

Van A. Dukeman  
Chief Executive Officer  
First Busey Corporation  
100 W. University Ave  
Champaign, IL 61820

**Re: First Busey Corporation**  
**Registration Statement on Form S-4**  
**Filed February 26, 2021**  
**File No. 333-253608**

Dear Mr. Dukeman:

This is to advise you that we have not reviewed and will not review your registration statement.

Please refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. 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.

Please contact Tonya K. Aldave at (202) 551-3601 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Division of Corporation Finance  
Office of Finance

cc: Jennifer Durham King, Esq.