

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

December 9, 2009

By U.S. Mail and facsimile: (423) 787-1235

R. Stan Puckett Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Green Bankshares, Inc. 100 North Main Street Greenville, Tennessee 37743

Re: Green Bankshares, Inc.

Form 10-K for fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2009

File Number 001-14289

Dear Mr. Puckett:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K for fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 and have no further comments at this time. Please contact me at (202) 551-3234 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Eric Envall