



DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

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

April 19, 2012

Via E Mail

Mr. Joseph W. Turner  
Chief Executive Officer and President  
Great Southern Bancorp, Inc.  
1451 E. Battlefield  
Springfield, Missouri 65804

**Re: Great Southern Bancorp, Inc.**  
**File No. 000-18082**  
**Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010, filed March 4, 2011**  
**Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2011, filed May 6, 2011**  
**Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2011, filed August 5, 2011**  
**Schedule 14A, filed April 7, 2011**

Dear Mr. Turner:

We formally confirm that on February 10, 2012 we 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 filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,  
/s/ Todd K. Schiffman  
Todd K. Schiffman  
Assistant Director