



DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

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

January 7, 2013

Via E-mail

Luke M. Beshar
Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer
NPS Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
550 Hills Drive
Bedminster, NJ 07921

Re: NPS Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2011
Filed February 15, 2012
File No. 000-23272

Dear Mr. Beshar:

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/ Joel Parker

Joel Parker
Accounting Branch Chief