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November 6, 2008

Ms. Velma Smith, Branch Chief
Branch of Filer Support 2, Mailstop 1-4
Securities and Exchange Commission
450 Fifth Street, N.W., Room #1004
Washington, D.C. 20549



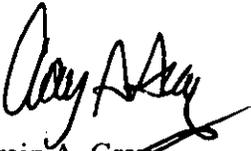
Re: The Select Sector SPDR Trust

Dear Ms. Smith:

Please be advised that NYSE Regulation, Inc. has received (on October 1, 2008) an application from the above-referenced issuer and has approved the nine securities listed on Exhibit A for listing on NYSE Arca, Inc. ("Exchange").

The Exchange requests acceleration of registration of these securities under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by stamping the enclosed copy with the date received and returning it in the self-addressed envelope. If there are any questions, please call me at (312) 442-7832. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Craig A. Gray
Manager, Listing Compliance

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Enclosure

Exhibit A
The Select Sector SPDR Trust

The Consumer Discretionary Select Sector SPDR Fund
The Consumer Staples Select Sector SPDR Fund
The Energy Select Sector SPDR Fund
The Financial Select Sector SPDR Fund
The Health Care Select Sector SPDR Fund
The Industrial Select Sector SPDR Fund
The Materials Select Sector SPDR Fund
The Technology Select Sector SPDR Fund
The Utilities Select Sector SPDR Fund

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