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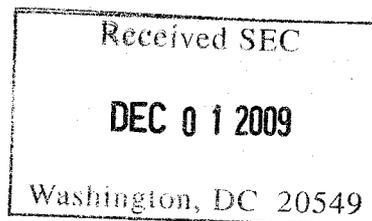
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December 1, 2009

Ms. Cecile Peters
Chief, IT Services
Division of Corporation Finance
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20549



Dear Ms. Peters:

This is to certify that on November 30, 2009, The Nasdaq Stock Market (the "Exchange") received from Monarch Financial Holdings, Inc. (the "Registrant") a copy of the Registrant's application on Form 8-A 12(b)/A for the registration of the following securities:

7.80% Series B Noncumulative Convertible Perpetual Preferred Stock

We further certify that the securities described above have been approved by the Exchange for listing and registration upon official notice of issuance.

We understand that the Registrant is seeking effectiveness of the Form 8-A 12(b) concurrently with effectiveness of its 1933 Act Registration Statement, and we hereby join in such request.

Sincerely,

Gary N. Sundick