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Ms. Velma T. Smith
Branch Chief
Securities and Exchange Commission
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Room 2531
100 F Street, NE
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Dear Ms. Smith:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, **FIRST POTOMAC REALTY TRUST**, 7.750% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Shares, and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on January 18, 2011. Tentative listing date – January 25, 2011.

Sincerely,