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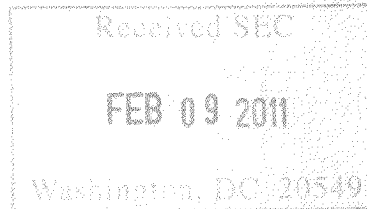
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February 9, 2011

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 February 9, 2011, The Nasdaq Stock Market (the "Exchange") received from Wintrust Financial Corporation (the "Registrant") a copy of the Registrant's application on Form 8-A 12(b) for the registration of the following security:

Warrants to purchase common stock, expiring December 19, 2018

We further certify that the security described above has been approved by the Exchange for listing and registration.

We understand that the Registrant is seeking immediate acceleration of the effective date of registration, and we hereby join in such request.

Sincerely,

Gary N. Sundick