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Ms. Velma T. Smith Branch Chief Securities and Exchange Commission Branch of Filer Support 2 Room 2531 100 F Street, NE Washington, DC 20549

Dear Ms. Smith:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, COMMONWEALTH REIT, 71/4% Series E Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Shares, par value \$.01 per share, and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on May 31, 2011. Tentative listing date – June 3, 2011.

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Sincerely,