

FIRST INTERSTATE BANCSYSTEM INC  
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March 11, 2010

First Interstate BancSystem, Inc.  
401 North 31<sup>st</sup> Street  
Billings, MT 59116  
March 11, 2010

**VIA EDGAR**

U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission  
100 F Street, NE  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
Attn: Michael Seaman  
Division of Corporation Finance

**RE: First Interstate BancSystem, Inc.  
Registration Withdrawal Request  
Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement on Form 8-A (File No. 001-34653)**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter is filed in reference to Amendment No. 1 to the Application for Registration on Form 8-A (File No. 001-34653) of First Interstate BancSystem, Inc., a Montana corporation (the Company), which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) on March 10, 2010 (the Form 8-A/A), pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act). The purpose of the filing of the Form 8-A/A was to amend in its entirety the Company's Application for Registration on Form 8-A filed with the Commission on April 15, 2002, pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act (the Original Form 8-A12G).

The Company's filing agent, Bowne & Co. (the Filing Agent), was instructed to file the Form 8-A/A with EDGAR filing code submission type 8-A12G/A. The Filing Agent, however, was unable to process the filing request with that submission type, as evidenced by the attached EDGAR test filing suspensions. In order to process the request promptly, the Filing Agent, without prior consultation with the Company or its legal counsel, changed the EDGAR filing code submission type to 8-A12B/A and effected its filing with the Commission. As a result of the filing with the incorrect submission type header, the Form 8-A/A appears in the EDGAR system to amend the Company's Form 8-A12B (File No. 001-34653) filed on March 9, 2010, with respect to a different class of the Company's equity securities.

Notwithstanding the fact that the content of the Form 8-A/A remains complete and correct in all material respects, including with respect to the reflection on the cover page of the Form 8-A/A that it was being filed pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act, the apparent confusion caused by the filing of the Form 8-A/A with the improper submission type header has prompted representatives of The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC, with which the Company is seeking to have its to-be-registered Section 12(b) equity securities listed in connection with its initial public offering, to request that the Company seek to have the Form 8-A/A withdrawn.

Therefore, and following telephone conversations with members of the Staff of the Commission on March 10, 2010, with respect to this matter, the Company hereby respectfully requests the consent of the Commission to withdraw the Form 8-A/A, without prejudice, in order to eliminate any confusion with respect to the Company's registration of its equity securities pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act. Accordingly, the Company hereby respectfully requests that an order granting withdrawal of the Form 8-A/A be issued as soon as possible and included in the file for the Form 8-A/A.

The Company intends to re-file promptly Amendment No. 1 to the Application for Registration on Form 8-A, with the proper EDGAR filing code submission type 8-A12G/A, to effect as originally contemplated the amendment to the Original Form 8-A12G. The Company understands that its Filing Agent has determined, after conversations with EDGAR Filer Support, how to effect properly the intended filing.

Please forward copies of the order withdrawing the Form 8-A/A to the Company's counsel, Holland & Hart LLP, One Boulder Plaza, 1800 Broadway, Suite 300, Boulder, Colorado 80302, Attn: Scott A. Berdan. In addition, please contact Mr. Berdan as soon as possible following execution of the order withdrawing the Form 8-A/A. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Berdan at (303) 473-2712.

Sincerely,

First Interstate BancSystem, Inc.

By: /s/ Carol Stephens Donaldson  
Name: Carol Stephens Donaldson, Esq.  
Title: Vice President and Corporate  
Secretary

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cc: Mr. Todd Schiffman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission  
Assistant Director, Financial Services, Division of Corporation Finance  
Ms. Tamara Kondic, The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC  
Senior Analyst, Nasdaq Listing Qualifications  
Mr. David G. Angerbauer, Holland & Hart LLP  
Ms. Lesley Peng, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP

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Subject: SUSPENDED FORM TYPE 8-A12G/A (0000950123-10-022801)

Date: 10-Mar-2010 06:04

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COMPANY: FIRST INTERSTATE BANCSYSTEM INC

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