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United States Securities and Exchange Commission  
Division of Corporation Finance  
450 Fifth Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
Attention: Mr. Mark Rakip, Staff Accountant

**Re: First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc. and First Industrial, L.P.  
Form 10-K for fiscal year ended December 31, 2007  
Filed February 25, 2008  
Schedule 14A  
Filed April 10, 2008  
File Nos. 1-13102 and 333-21873**

Dear Mr. Rakip:

On behalf of First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc. and First Industrial, L.P. (the "Companies"), I am providing this letter in response to the comments of the staff of the Division of Corporation Finance (the "Staff") of the Securities and Exchange Commission set forth in your letters, dated September 10, 2008 (the "Comment Letters") relating to above-referenced filings. The Comment Letters requested that the Companies respond to the Staff's comments by September 20, 2008 or notify the Staff of the date by which they intend to respond. The Companies previously indicated to the Staff that they intend to respond no later than October 15, 2008. However, the First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc. Board of Directors (the "Board") has been confronted with a number of issues in connection with the recent credit and equity market turmoil. As a result, the Compensation Committee of the Board has not yet had an opportunity to consider the Staff's comments relating to the Companies' compensation discussion and analysis. The Companies now intend to respond to the Comment Letters no later than November 15, 2008.

If you have any questions, or require any additional information, please feel free to contact me at (312) 344-4380.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott A. Musil', is written over a horizontal line.

Scott A. Musil  
Chief Accounting Officer  
First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.