

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

DIVISION OF CORPORATION FINANCE

Mail Stop 3233

July 20, 2017

Scott A. Musil Chief Financial Officer First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc. 311 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 3900 Chicago, IL 60606

> Re: First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc. Form 10-K Filed February 24, 2017 Form 8-K Filed April 26, 2017 File No. 001-13102

Dear Mr. Musil:

We have limited our review of your filing to the financial statements and related disclosures and have the following comments. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure.

Please respond to these comments within ten business days by providing the requested information or advise us as soon as possible when you will respond. If you do not believe our comments apply to your facts and circumstances, please tell us why in your response.

After reviewing your response to these comments, we may have additional comments.

Form 8-K Filed On April 26, 2017

<u>Exhibit 99.1</u>

1. We note that your calculation of EBITDA contains adjustments for items other than interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. Please revise future filings to ensure that measures calculated differently from EBITDA are not characterized as EBITDA. See Question 103.01 of the updated Compliance and Disclosure Interpretations issued on May 17, 2016.

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We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

You may contact Paul Cline at (202)551-3851 or me at (202)551-3468 with any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Wilson K. Lee

Wilson K. Lee Senior Staff Accountant Office of Real Estate and Commodities