



DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

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

April 23, 2014

Via E-mail

John Michel  
Chief Financial Officer  
First Foundation, Inc.  
18101 Von Karman Avenue, Suite 700  
Irvine, California 92612

**Re: First Foundation, Inc.  
Registration Statement on Form 10  
Filed October 17, 2013  
File No. 000-55090**

Dear Mr. Michel:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filing and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kathryn McHale

Kathryn McHale  
Senior Staff Attorney