



DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

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

January 26, 2015

Via E-mail

M. Ryan Kirkham, Esq.  
Corporate Counsel  
Peoples Bancorp Inc.  
138 Putnam Street  
Marietta, Ohio 45750

**Re: Peoples Bancorp Inc.  
Registration Statement on Form S-4  
Filed January 23, 2015  
File No. 333-199152**

Dear Mr. Kirkham:

We have reviewed your registration statement 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 this letter by amending your registration statement and providing the requested information. If you do not believe our comments apply to your facts and circumstances or do not believe an amendment is appropriate, please tell us why in your response.

After reviewing any amendment to your registration statement and the information you provide in response to these comments, we may have additional comments.

General

1. Noting that your most recent financial statements for both companies are as of September 30, 2014, please add a recent developments section addressing any material changes at either company including Results of Operations and Financial Condition or stating that there have not been any material developments.

Exhibits

2. As required by Item 601(b)(23), please file consent from BKD, LLP, the auditor of NB&T Financial Group, Inc.

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Notwithstanding our comments, in the event you request acceleration of the effective date of the pending registration statement please provide a written statement from the company acknowledging that:

- should the Commission or the staff, acting pursuant to delegated authority, declare the filing effective, it does not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filing;
- the action of the Commission or the staff, acting pursuant to delegated authority, in declaring the filing effective, does not relieve the company from its full responsibility for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing; and
- the company may not assert staff comments and the declaration of effectiveness as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

Please refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. We will consider a written request for acceleration of the effective date of the registration statement as confirmation of the fact that those requesting acceleration are aware of their respective responsibilities under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as they relate to the proposed public offering of the securities specified in the above registration statement. Please allow adequate time for us to review any amendment prior to the requested effective date of the registration statement.

You may contact John A. Spitz at 202-551-3484 or Amit Pande, Accounting Branch Chief, at (202) 551-3423 if you have questions regarding comments on the financial statements and related matters. Please contact Jonathan E. Gottlieb at (202) 551-3416 or me at (202) 551-3434 with any other questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael R. Clampitt

Michael R. Clampitt  
Senior Attorney