

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549-7010

April 22, 2009

Mr. Douglas E. Fears Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Helmerich & Payne, Inc. 1437 S. Boulder Ave., Suite 1400 Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119-3623

Re: Helmerich & Payne, Inc.

Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2008

Filed November 26, 2008

File No. 1-04221

Dear Mr. Fears:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and related filings and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

H. Roger Schwall Assistant Director