

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

April 22, 2013

**ORDER GRANTING CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Stage Stores, Inc.

File No. 001-14035 - CF# 29589

Stage Stores, Inc. submitted an application under Rule 24b-2 requesting confidential treatment for information it excluded from the Exhibits to a Form 10-K filed on April 3, 2013.

Based on representations by Stage Stores, Inc. that this information qualifies as confidential commercial or financial information under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4), the Division of Corporation Finance has determined not to publicly disclose it. Accordingly, excluded information from the following exhibit will not be released to the public for the time period specified:

Exhibit 10.26 through July 31, 2021

For the Commission, by the Division of Corporation Finance, pursuant to delegated authority:

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