

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

DIVISION OF CORPORATION FINANCE

Mail Stop 4720

July 11, 2017

Mr. W. Mark Tatterson Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer United Bankshares, Inc. 300 United Center 500 Virginia Street, East Charleston, West Virginia 25301

> Re: United Bankshares, Inc. Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016 Filed March 1, 2017 File No. 002-86947

Dear Mr. Tatterson:

We have completed our review of your filing. 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.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gus Rodriguez

Gus Rodriguez Accounting Branch Chief Office of Financial Services