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Mail Stop 3720

November 19, 2008

Mr. David M. Miles Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Res-Care, Inc. 9901 Linn Station Road Louisville, Kentucky 40223

> RE: Res-Care, Inc. Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 Filed March 12, 2008 File No. 000-20372

Dear Mr. Miles:

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

Sincerely,

Celeste M. Murphy Legal Branch Chief