

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

April 19, 2012

Via E Mail
Mr. Joseph W. Turner
Chief Executive Officer and President
Great Southern Bancorp, Inc.
1451 E. Battlefield
Springfield, Missouri 65804

Re: Great Southern Bancorp, Inc.

File No. 000-18082

Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010, filed March 4, 2011 Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2011, filed May 6, 2011 Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2011, filed August 5, 2011 Schedule 14A, filed April 7, 2011

Dear Mr. Turner:

We formally confirm that on February 10, 2012 we completed our review of your filings. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filings and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filings to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely, /s/ Todd K. Schiffman Todd K. Schiffman Assistant Director