

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549-3561

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Via U.S. Mail and facsimile to (919) 774-3329

Terrance M. Marks President and Chief Executive Officer The Pantry, Inc. P.O. Box 8019 305 Gregson Drive Cary, North Carolina 27511

> Re: The Pantry, Inc. Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended September 24, 2009 Filed December 8, 2009 Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A Filed January 22, 2010 File No. 000-25813

Dear Mr. Marks:

We have completed our review of your filings and do not have any further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

H. Christopher Owings Assistant Director