

DIVISION OF CORPORATION FINANCE UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

October 10, 2012

Robert A. Kuehl Chief Financial Officer Royal Bancshares of Pennsylvania, Inc. 732 Montgomery Avenue Narberth, PA 19702

> Re: Royal Bancshares of Pennsylvania, Inc. Form 10-K Filed March 31, 2012 File No. 000-26366

Dear Mr. Kuehl:

We have 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 filings include the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Amit Pande

Amit Pande Accounting Branch Chief