

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

DIVISION OF CORPORATION FINANCE

April 15, 2014

<u>Via E-mail</u> F. Kevin Tylus President and Chief Executive Officer Royal Bancshares of Pennsylvania, Inc. 732 Montgomery Avenue Narberth, Pennsylvania 19072

## Re: Royal Bancshares of Pennsylvania, Inc. Amendment No. 3 to Registration Statement on Form S-1 Filed March 28, 2014 File No. 333-190973

Dear Mr. Tylus:

We have reviewed your registration statement and have the following comments. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure.

Please respond to this letter by amending your registration statement and providing the requested information. If you do not believe our comments apply to your facts and circumstances or do not believe an amendment is appropriate, please tell us why in your response.

After reviewing any amendment to your registration statement and the information you provide in response to these comments, we may have additional comments.

## General

- 1. We note that the Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 has been filed, however, the Part III information was not included. The Form S-1 requires such information. Please revise to include.
- 2. Please revise the Summary to disclose that if the Company is not a winning bidder in the auction for the preferred stock, the Company will file a post-effective amendment and remove the selling shareholder shares being offered.
- 3. The staff will allow effectiveness of the registration statement prior to the auction but only after the date of the auction is set and such date is within a few business days of the requested effectiveness date.

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We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Act of 1933 and all applicable Securities Act rules require. Since the company and its management are in possession of all facts relating to a company's disclosure, they are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures they have made.

Notwithstanding our comments, in the event you request acceleration of the effective date of the pending registration statement please provide a written statement from the company acknowledging that:

- should the Commission or the staff, acting pursuant to delegated authority, declare the filing effective, it does not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filing;
- the action of the Commission or the staff, acting pursuant to delegated authority, in declaring the filing effective, does not relieve the company from its full responsibility for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing; and
- the company may not assert staff comments and the declaration of effectiveness as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

Please refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. We will consider a written request for acceleration of the effective date of the registration statement as confirmation of the fact that those requesting acceleration are aware of their respective responsibilities under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as they relate to the proposed public offering of the securities specified in the above registration statement. Please allow adequate time for us to review any

amendment prior to the requested effective date of the registration statement.

You may contact me at (202) 551-3434 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael R. Clampitt

Michael R. Clampitt Senior Attorney