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Ms. Velma T. Smith  
Branch Chief  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
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Room 2531  
100 F Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20549

Dear Ms. Smith:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Exchange Act of 1933, **Express, Inc.**, Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share. The NYSE requests simultaneous acceleration of registration of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, together with the 1933 Act. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on May 12, 2010. Tentative listing date – May 13, 2010.

Sincerely,