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Ms. Cecile Peters  
Chief, IT Services  
Division of Corporation Finance  
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission  
100 F Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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Dear Ms. Peters:

This is to certify that on June 3, 2010 The Nasdaq Stock Market (the "Exchange") received from First Financial Bancorp. (the "Registrant") a copy of the Registrant's application on Form 8-A 12(b) for the registration of the following security:

Warrants (expiring December 23, 2018)

We further certify that the securities described above have been approved by the Exchange for listing and registration.

We understand that the Registrant is seeking immediate acceleration of the effective date of registration, and we hereby join in such request.

Sincerely,