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Mr. Jeffrey Thomas
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100 F Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20549

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File No. 001-35522

Dear Mr. Thomas:

This is to certify that on June 12, 2013 The Nasdaq Stock Market (the "Exchange") received from First PacTrust Bancorp, Inc. (the "Registrant") a copy of the Registrant's application on Form 8-A 12(b) for the registration of the following security:

Depository Shares each representing a
1/40th interest in a share of 8.00%
Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series C

We further certify that the security described above has 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,

William Slattery