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April 16, 2009

Via U.S. Mail and Facsimile 301.998.3730

Mr. Andrew P. Blocher Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Federal Realty Investment Trust 1626 East Jefferson Street Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Federal Realty Investment Trust Form 10-K for fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 Filed February 26, 2009 File No. 1-07533

Dear Mr. Blocher:

We have completed our review of the above referenced filing and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Kevin Woody Accounting Branch Chief