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Mr. Larry Spigel  
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Division of Corporation Finance  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
100 F Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20549

Subject: Barrett Business Services, Inc.  
Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010  
Filed April 1, 2011  
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Dear Mr. Spigel:

We are in receipt of your letter addressed to James Miller and dated June 30, 2011, regarding the subject filing. As Mr. Miller advised Katherine Jacobson by telephone earlier today, he will be on vacation until the end of next week. Accordingly, we request an extension to provide our written responses (filed on EDGAR) until July 29, 2011.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brooks English".

Brooks English  
Controller

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