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Mr. Larry Spigel, Assistant Director  
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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  
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Dear Mr. Spigel and Ms. Jacobson:

As discussed in our November 29, 2011 conference call with members of the Staff regarding the issues addressed in the Staff's most recent comment letter dated November 10, 2011, we are requesting additional time to provide our written response to the comments contained in the letter until December 9, 2011.

Very truly yours,

James D. Miller  
Vice President-Finance

