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VIA EDGAR AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

Securities and Exchange Commission Division of Corporation Finance Room 5533 100 F Street, NE Washington, DC 20549 Attention: William Friar

Re: Independent Bank Corp. Registration Statement on Form S-3

(File No. 333-157139)

Dear Mr. Friar:

On February 6, 2009, Independent Bank Corp. (the Company) filed a Registration Statement on Form S-3 (the Registration Statement) with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Registration Statement relates to the potential resale from time to time by selling securityholders of some or all of the shares of the Company s Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series B, a warrant to purchase up to 481,664 shares of the Company s common stock (the Warrant) and the shares of the Company s common stock issuable from time to time upon exercise of the Warrant. The Company hereby amends the Registration Statement to include on the cover page the delaying amendment language set forth below:

The registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the Company s outside counsel, Richard A. Schaberg, Esq. of Hogan & Hartson LLP at (202) 637-5671.

Sincerely,

INDEPENDENT BANK CORP.

By: /s/ Edward H. Seksay, Esq. Name: Edward H. Seksay, Esq.

Title: General Counsel

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