

September 21, 2020

Rrandy L. Newman
Chief Executive Officer
Alerus Financial Corporation
401 Demers Avenue
Grand Forks, ND 58201

Corporation
Statement on Form S-3
2020

Re: Alerus Financial
Registration
Filed September 16,
File No. 333-248841

Dear Mr. Newman:

This is to advise you that we have not reviewed and will not review your registration statement.

Please refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Aldave at (202) 551-3601 with any questions.

Please contact Tonya K.

Sincerely,

Division of Corporation Finance

Office of Finance

cc:

Joseph Ceithaml, Esq.