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VIA EDGAR

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F Street, NE Washington, D.C. 20549

Re: Fifth Street Finance Corp. – Preliminary Proxy Statement on <u>Schedule 14A</u>

Dear Sir or Madam:

On behalf of Fifth Street Finance Corp., we are filing a Preliminary Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Please call me at the above number if you have any questions or comments regarding the foregoing.

Sincerely,

/s/ Harry S. Pangas

cc: Bernard D. Berman

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