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February 9, 2017

VIA EDGAR

Jennifer Thompson Accounting Branch Chief Office of Consumer Products U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Division of Corporation Finance 100 F Street, NE Washington, DC 20549

Re: Rush Enterprises, Inc.

Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2015

Response dated January 18, 2017

File No. 000-20797

Dear Ms. Thompson:

Rush Enterprises, Inc. (the "Company") received the Staff's comment letter dated February 2, 2017, regarding the Company's response dated January 18, 2017, to the Staff's comment letter dated December 16, 2016, regarding the Company's Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.

We are currently preparing responses to the Staff's comments; however, we will be unable to complete our responses within 10 business days of receipt of the Staff's comment letter. Consequently, we request an extension of time. We anticipate that we will be able to submit our responses by March 6, 2017.

Thank you for your understanding. If you have any questions, please contact me at (830) 302-5209.

Sincerely,

/s/ Derrek Weaver

Derrek Weaver Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary