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Mr. Stephen G. Krikorian
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Division of Corporate Finance
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, N.E.
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cc: Tamara Tangen, Staff Accountant (via facsimile)
Christine E. Davis, Assistant Chief Accountant (via facsimile)
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Nancy Lurker, Chief Executive Officer – PDI, Inc.

Re: PDI, Inc.
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2009
Form 10-Q for the Quarterly Period Ended March 31, 2010
Form 8-K filed December 4, 2009
Form 8-K filed March 4, 2010
File No. 000-24249

Dear Mr. Krikorian:

On behalf of PDI, Inc. (the “Company” or “PDI”), I am writing in response to the comments made by the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Staff”) in its letter dated July 29, 2010 (the “Comment Letter”) with respect to the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 (“Form 10-K”), the Company’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2010 (“Form 10-Q”), the Company’s Current Report on Form 8-K dated December 4, 2009 and the Company’s Current Report on Form 8-K dated March 4, 2010. Due to new business opportunities and other client related matters affecting our ability to prepare a timely response, the Company respectfully requests additional time to respond to the Staff’s comments, and proposes to respond on or before September 3, 2010. We hope the Company’s request will be acceptable to the Staff, and will graciously accept any accommodation the Staff can provide.

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Yours truly,

/s/ Jeffrey E. Smith

Chief Financial Officer